



Churchill, Hopkins Visit Naval Station—Harry Hopkins (right), President Roosevelt's special envoy to London, talks with Prime Minister Winston Churchill on a visit to a British northern naval station. This picture was radioed from London. — Associated Press Photo.

La Scala Opera Company Comes To Portland

Portland's only opera season scheduled this winter will be the performances announced by the La Scala opera company of Hollywood, which will present three nights of grand opera at the auditorium on February 19, 20 and 21.

The company has an enviable record of opera producing, having already presented more than 600 operatic performances in this country. A recent production of "Aida" at the Pasadena Rose Bowl attracted an audience of more than 32,000 people. At that performance Richard Bonelli, Metropolitan opera star, was featured, with Pietro Cimini, who directed Grace Moore's "One Night of Love" directing.

The Portland performances include "Carmen" on February 19, a double bill, "Pagliacci" and "Cavalleria Rusticana," on February 20, and "La Traviata" on February 21. A chorus of 100 voices, a symphony orchestra and several outstanding ballets will contribute much to the brilliance and glamour of the season.

Artists already scheduled for the series include Rudolfo Hoyos, baritone of the famous Colon theatre at Buenos Aires; Giovanni Zavatti, young tenor whose voice has been called by critics "phenomenal," and Vincenzo La Salle, whose work in California has attracted the attention of motion picture producers.

At this early date Portland music lovers are demonstrating much enthusiasm for the coming season of the La Scala opera.

Graybacks to Have Innings

The meek and lowly "grayback," hustling and pestiferous insect of the genus arthropoda, will have its inning at the Veterans of Foreign Wars building, Hood and Church streets, Wednesday night, January 23, when a large class of this species of vermin will be given the second degree in the Military Order of the Cootie (honor degree of the VFW). It will be in long form, by the ritualistic degree team of Portland Pupnet No. 1, of Portland, M.O.C., thus preparing them for the third and final degree of full-fledged Cooties, at a "scratch" to be held in the near future. These initiates are new members of Carry On Pupnet No. 6, of Salem. The meeting will convene at 8 o'clock.

Quite a lively interest is being aroused in the Cootie organization by members of the parent organization, the VFW, and the membership is growing by leaps and bounds. Following the initiation ceremonies, which, despite the fact that the Cooties are characterized as the "fun branch" of the VFW, are very solemn and designed to impress upon the novitiates the seriousness of membership in the parent order and their loyalty thereto, as well as to instill upon them the value of service to the country, says Seam Squirrel, (Commander) Ralph A. Hixson, of Carry On Pupnet, a special program of entertainment will be provided and then come the "eats." A large attendance is expected from all parts of the valley from Portland to Eugene.

Saturday night, January 25, Past Commander Cliff W. Kelly, Silverton, of Carry On Pupnet, will install the new officers of Eugene Pupnet No. 4, at Eugene, and a large contingent of the local and valley-wide membership is expected to attend, enjoy the ceremonies and partake of the hospitality of the Eugene Cooties.

Measles Hit Rosedale
Rosedale—Mrs. Redfern, who has been seriously ill was taken to the Salem General hospital. She is reported to be slowly improving. There has been a case of measles reported in the Rosedale school.

Disposal Plant Application Voted

Another step towards realization of the long-dreamed-of sewerage disposal plant for Salem was taken last night when the city council authorized Mayor W. W. Chadwick and City Recorder Hannah Martin to sign an application to the WPA for a grant to cover labor costs on the project which is estimated to cost a total of close to \$400,000. An interceptor sewer is included. There was no opposition in the council.

The WPA has informed the council that the application probably can go forward to Washington next week. The state board of control is on record approving an expenditure of \$50,000 by the state on the project, since the state institutions would be benefited, and it is assumed the legislature will back up the board. Mayor Chadwick estimates that the cost to the city will not exceed \$250,000 and if the necessary state support is given says

Commission to Get Bridge Case

Proposal will be made to the state highway commission this week by the Marion and Polk county courts that a bridge be constructed over the Willamette river at Independence at an estimated cost of \$250,000, half of the cost to be borne by the state and the other half to be repaid by the two counties. Repayment would be in yearly installments of \$5000 each covering a 25-year period. The payments by the two counties would be in lieu of the cost of maintaining the inter-county ferry now operating at that point, with some small accruals from the gasoline tax receipts of the two counties.

This was the decision reached at a conference yesterday afternoon between members of the two courts attended by representatives of the Salem-Kings Valley highway association. The afternoon conference was held following another conference had by the same parties with State Highway Engineer Baldock in the morning, at which time various phases of the bridge situation and its possible financing were discussed.

The two counties now expend approximately \$3700 a year in maintaining the inter-county ferry. They also receive substantial sums from the state in rebates for gasoline receipts, Polk county getting between \$30,000 and \$40,000 a year and Marion about \$180,000. The chances are considered good for these receipts to be enhanced rather than diminished as times goes on, population grows and gasoline usage increases.

The payments contemplated could be made on a sliding scale, it was pointed out, so as gasoline tax receipts increased they could be slightly larger if desirable.

County Judge Hewlett was selected as spokesman for the delegation to present the proposal to the highway commission at tomorrow's meeting held in Portland. E. A. Miller, for the Salem-Kings Valley highway association, will outline arguments for construction of the proposed bridge at this time and other court members as well as association members will be on hand to back up the speakers.

Dinner Parties Given Oak Point Residents

Oak Point—Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Peak entertained with a dinner. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Al Schlag and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Newton of Independence, Mr. and Mrs. Vellin Hamilton and family of Rickreall, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Parker of Monmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Ruddell were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hardman in Salem.

Mrs. T. J. Primus and Geraldine attended the wedding of Mrs. Primus' cousin, Henry Meyers, in Portland Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. Bartel had as their dinner guests recently Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fretsen and Janice and Walter Fretsen of Monmouth, and Dorothy Van Lannan of Salem.

that a special election to vote necessary bonds may be called.

Incinerator Move Blocked
A resolution that had been prepared setting up a proposal for a WPA project for removal of the old incinerator and directing the public buildings and incinerator committee to investigate relative to a new one was not presented, enough opposition having been mustered to block it for the time being.

The council adopted without opposition a resolution accepting the plan of the civil aeronautics authority for improvement of the Salem airport and pledging cooperation. The resolution obligates the city to acquire title to the necessary additional land, to maintain the port after construction, operate the port for the public benefit without exclusive contracts to anyone, protect approaches and hold the government free of damages during construction.

Alderman David O'Hara's bill prohibiting gambling paraphernalia in upstairs rooms that have only a downstairs entrance through rooms where there are employees of the place was passed without dissent.

In a report to the council Fire Chief Harry H. Hutton reported that the department had responded to 375 alarms during the year 1940, seven being outside the city and six false alarms. Losses to buildings amounted to \$16,949.28 on which insurance of \$15,841.73 was paid, and losses on contents amounted to \$53,469 on which insurance of \$51,138 was paid.

New Police Cars
On motion of Alderman George L. Belt the city recorder was authorized to call for bids on two new police cars.

Resolution was adopted for the calling of \$9000 in city refunding bonds.

Referred to the traffic committee was a request of the Salem school board for two stop signs on D street and one on 14th at entrances to Salem high school grounds.

As exclusive parking space for members of the legislature the council granted without opposition a request of the state board of control for space on the south side of Court from Capitol to Winter and the north side of Court from East to West Summer.

An ordinance bill was passed changing from class 2 residential to class 3 business zone certain lots near George E. Waters field on the south, and a bill was introduced changing block 8, Roberts addition, from fire zone 2 to fire zone 3.

Hauling Rates Subject of Bill

Legislation introduced in the house yesterday included a bill to give the public utilities commissioner power to fix contract rates for hauling of fuel, gravel or logs in special carriers. This bill was introduced by Rep. Greenwood (R., Clackamas).

Greenwood also introduced a bill authorizing the state highway commission to contract with municipalities for construction and maintenance of city streets. This measure provides that not more than two percent of the state gasoline tax revenue shall be used for this purpose.

Aircraft problems came up for consideration under bills introduced by the committee on motor vehicles and aeronautics. These bills provide no appropriations but do authorize towns and cities to acquire and develop airports and emergency landing fields.

Problems of the Indians in the Umatilla district will be considered under a bill introduced by Reps. Carl Engdahl and O. L. Babcock, and Senator James A. Best, all of Umatilla county. The measure provides that no hunting or fishing licenses would be required for the Indians providing treaties existed with their tribes.

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