



**Flying Elephant**—David Cansdale, son of the London zoo head, has the first ride on a four-month-old elephant calf that arrived from Calcutta on a British Overseas plane.

## Tate Stresses Conservation

With the agricultural spotlight shifting to acreage allotments, marketing quotas, price supports and what to do with "surplus" farm commodities, the conservation of soil and water becomes increasingly important in the opinion of W. M. Tate, chairman of the Marion county agricultural conservation committee.

The chairman urges county farmers to keep on with their conservation plans. "Although per-acre yields have increased tremendously during the last 12 years and surpluses are beginning to pile up for a number of crops, we must not forget that population is increasing and land is limited. We must take care of every acre of good cropland we have to assure continued production of enough food for a growing country."

He points out that it now seems certain that 20 to 30 million acres will be taken out of the production of our principal cash crops. This provides a real opportunity to step up soil and water conservation work on the diverted land.

Farmers and consumers will benefit from shifting this acreage into conservation uses, the chairman explains. Soil fertility will not be wasted in the production of commodities for which there is no market. Instead, reserves will be stored in the soil for future needed production.

Heavy production of grain and other cash crops during and since the war has depleted the humus and broken down the soil structure on millions of acres in the nation and there is a growing need to get much of

this land back into sod crops. As the chairman explains, "The real wealth of Marion county is in the soil and as farmers we are the guardian of that wealth. Through the agricultural conservation program the nation is provided assistance to help us do the conservation job but it still is up to us to do it. Now that we can take some of our land out of heavy production of cash crops, we have an opportunity to do a better conservation job than ever. As farmers and as a nation we cannot afford to pass up this opportunity."

**Army Man Visitor**—Stopping over for 10 days as a house guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hammond when on his way to his new station at Mather Field, Sacramento, was Master Sgt. William Hammond, who has just been transferred from Great Falls, Mont., where he has been connected with recruiting activities the past two years.

## Bush to Give Talent Show

A talent show, made up entirely of Bush school pupils will be presented in the school auditorium at 7:30 Friday night under the sponsorship of the Bush Mothers club.

An overture by the orchestra directed by Donald Jessop will open the evening's program. Then will follow a series of dances and songs. The dances and the participants include:

"Cherries Are Ripe," Clayton Steinkamp; "Five Minutes More," Rudy Wood; "Good Old Summer Time," Karen and Kay Oldham; "Lover Blue," Sharon Quahlan; "Pony Old Song and Dance," Julie Repins; "Valerie Johnson," Judy Shaver; "Me and My Shadow," Suzanne Loucks; "A Tangle," Kaye Tomlinson and Nancy Payne; "A Study in Modern Dance," Kathy Helzel; Susan Keech, Judy Alwood, Nancy Manning, Jean Haworth; "A Real Down the Side of the Street," Tracy Imah; "You Call Everybody Darling," the three sweethearts; "Buttons & Bows," Patricia Whelan; "The Westerner," Fritz Maner; "Lynne Enright," Charlene Castine, Charles Chappelle, Bill Reaney, Max Reaney; "Nashville," Linda Davis; "Melody of Soft Shoes," Nancy Payne, Kaye Tomlinson; "When My Baby Smiles at Me," Kaye Oberal; "The Old School Spirit," Fifth grade chorus; "A Salute to the Colors," Army jr. Navy—Linda Davis, Tracy Imah, Pat Whelan, Nancy Payne, Kaye Tomlinson.

## Church Selects Doctor As New Moderator

The congregation of First Congregational church Wednesday

night elected Dr. Horace Miller, psychiatrist at Oregon State hospital, as moderator for the Salem church.

Other officers elected: clerk, Paul Harvey (re-elected); financial secretary, Mrs. P. L. Calvert; treasurer, Mrs. E. E. Owens. All elections were for one year.

The congregation voted to sponsor the bringing of a displaced family from Europe to Oregon.

## Long-Distance Pigeon Race Slated Sunday

A pigeon race, Walla Walla to Salem, will be a sports event of next Sunday under the sponsorship of the Cherry City Racing club.

In a race last Sunday a bird entered by Cecil McNeil won the Pendleton to Salem race with an average of 932 yards a minute for the 215 miles. A Doug Chambers pigeon averaged 931 yards, taking second. Third place was won by an Al Brown entry.

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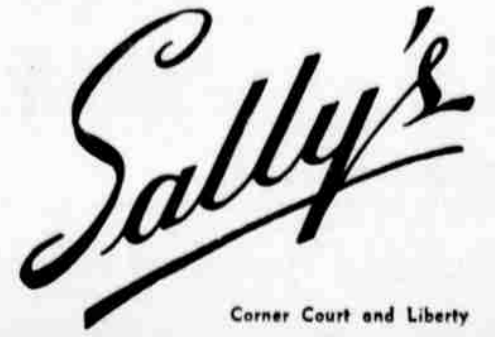
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