



Dr. Durden Gets New Assignment

Dr. Charles Durden, pastor of Calvary Baptist church for the past five years, will become director of evangelism and director of town and country churches for the Northern Baptists in Oregon early in August. The assignment was made during a recent convention of the American Baptist Home Mission society held in San Francisco.

Dr. and Mrs. Durden plan to make their home in Waldport where they have maintained a beach residence for some time. No successor has been named to Dr. Durden who will have completed 42 years in the ministry next month.

The Durdens came to Salem from California.

Independence Phone Rates Due for Hike

Independence — According to B. M. Johnson, manager for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, the telephone rate changes for local service in the Independence — Monmouth exchange involve monthly rate increases as follows, effective June 1:

Residence service — 4-party, 25c; 2-party, 50c; 1-party, 75c; suburban, 25c. Business service — 2-party, 50c; 1-party, \$1.00; suburban 50c.

Increases also apply to certain other exchange rates and charges, including service connection, move and change, and installation charges, as well as extension telephones and certain miscellaneous services.

For intrastate long distance service, all present 5c routes will be changed to 10c for station calls for the first 5 minutes with 5c for each additional 3-minute overtime period.

Minimum charges for collect calls will be 20c and for person to person calls will be 25c for the first 3 minutes with 5c for each overtime minute.

In certain additional mileage steps from 10 miles to 172 miles, there will be 5c and 10c increases on station calls.

Fire in Large Area

Moses Lake, Wash., June 7 (AP)—Fire-fighters worked today to control five wind-hurried blazes sweeping over thousands of acres of grass and range land in Grant county.

Two major burns had swept last night over more than 30,000 acres and three smaller fires still burned uncontrolled.

Annual Luncheon Scheduled

Monmouth—The annual Civic club luncheon will be held in the hotel dining room on Thursday, June 9, at 1 p.m. This is the last meeting of the year and there will be installation of new officers.

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Former Salem Blind Students Win Honors in Nevada

Two former students at the Oregon State School for the Blind, Bonifacio Yturbe and Gladys Christine Backe, have recently had outstanding honors conferred upon them.

Yturbe, who as a tuition student from the state of Nevada attended the school here from September, 1942, to June, 1944, as a high school freshman and sophomore and also took political science and biology at Salem high school, Monday received the highest scholastic award of the University of Nevada.

Blind since three years of age, Yturbe, now 21 years of age, majored in political science and won the university's Herz gold medal with a straight "A" average in his four years of college. When the award was presented the dean of the arts and sciences college at the University of Nevada stated that Yturbe's record was the first perfect one in the dean's 17 years at the university.

Miss Backe, daughter of the Gunter Backs of 910 Monroe avenue, Salem, according to a feature story in the May 29 issue of the Augusta Chronicle, Augusta, Ga., was the first person to receive an annual \$200 cash award, which each year is to be given to a worthy blind person and his dog during the adjustment period when they must prepare to earn their way in the world.

The fund is provided by an anonymous donor, who donated a \$10,000 service bond to the Walter G. Holmes foundation with interest from the bond to be awarded yearly to some worthy blind person. It is called the Ways and Means for the Blind Service Bond No. 10.

Presentation of the award was made the former Salem girl, at the Augusta, Ga., home of Hubert E. Smith, founder and president of the Ways and Means for the Blind, Inc. Making the presentation was Pierce E. McCoy, city manager of Augusta Amusements, Inc.

A stenographer by profession and employed in New York for some years, Miss Backe, after a few days visit at the home of

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New Twin-Jet Test Successful

Los Angeles, June 7 (AP)—The U. S. air force's newest twin-jet fighter, the Lockheed F-90, has tried her swept-back wings — and they work "beautifully."

The adjective is that of Chief Engineering Test Pilot Tony Le Vier, used in describing the way the big 13-ton fighter handled during her first sky tests.

The air force disclosed yesterday that Le Vier had the needle-nosed aircraft aloft for 37 minutes, climbing from a desert runway at Muroc test base to an altitude of 15,000 in 10 minutes.

Le Vier emphasized that no attempt was made to "open her up."

"You always feel out a new ship cautiously," he explained. "But I had more inner confidence in the '90' than any job I have ever flown."

The F-90, one of the biggest fighters ever built, will undergo 25 more hours of test flying by Lockheed pilots and then will be turned over to the air force for further testing. The craft is expected to go into production in 1950.

Packing a vicious wallop, she is designed to range behind enemy lines and attack sizable targets.

Fire Hits Given Home Near Turner

Turner—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the kitchen of the O. T. Giben farm home about one mile southeast of Turner at 3:30 a. m. Monday.

The Turner fire department fought the blaze and prevented it from spreading to the remainder of the house.

No estimate of damage has yet been made, but Giben said he carried full insurance.

Collegian Grandpa—Louis Rich, of South Orange, N. J., 86 and a grandfather, cuts a cake with fellow-students, marking the completion of his first year at Bergen College, Teaneck, N. J. The coeds are Harriet Guttman, Babs Somach, Rose Ducoff, Nikki Wnukowski and Dawn Gulyas.

J. K. Weatherford Seeks Chairmanship

Albany—First candidacy for election to fill the vacancy which will occur through expiration of the term of Floyd Mullen, chairman of the Albany school board, is that of James K. Weatherford, in behalf of whom petitions bearing 140 signatures were filed Friday with the school clerk, L. A. White. Chairman Mullen said he is not a candidate for re-election.

Weatherford, a native of the Harrisburg community, has lived in Albany since 1929 and is now practicing law with the firm of Weatherford & Thompson. He formerly served as district attorney of Linn county. He is a grandson of the late J. K. Weatherford, Sr., who served

for many years on the Albany school board as well as on the Oregon State college board of regents.

Gates Cafe Open With Improvements

Gates — The Gates Cafe, formerly owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Butler and which has been closed for several months has been redecorated and enlarged on the inside and leased to new management.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias La Hale and Mr. and Mrs. George Hollenworth, the new owners, held their opening this week with a large group attending who were served sandwiches, salad, and coffee. Many bouquets of flowers complimented the new proprietors.

Military Pay Boost Expected

West Point, N. Y., June 7 (AP)—The acting secretary of the army, Gordon Gray, told some of the country's future "top brass" today that he shared in their disappointment that congress has not yet given officers a pay raise.

But he assured the June, 1949, graduating class of the United States Military academy that he is confident that pay readjustments will be voted by the present congress.

"The rates may not be those requested in the original bill, but it is my hope and belief that those finally enacted will be just," he said in his prepared-in-advance text.

"There has not been a realistic, comprehensive, or—what is more important—adequate overhaul of army pay and allowances for more than forty years," Gray continued.

Hungry Burglars Steal From Grocery

Albany — Hungry burglars broke into the Ransdell and Gibson grocery store, 902 Elm street, drank a pint of milk, ate some boiled ham, took two rolls of pennies from the cash register.

Elmer Ransdell, part owner, said that the burglars had sacked up some groceries, too, but had left them in the store. Entrance was made, Ransdell said, by breaking two windows on the side of the store.

Police are investigating, but no arrests have been made.

Surprise Opposition To School Proposal

Lebanon — Surprise opposition to the proposal to raise \$36,000 for two new class rooms and a new heating system at the Crowfoot school developed during the 24 hours before the election, bringing out a record vote, 152 against and 13 for.

Voting was held at the school Wednesday evening from 7 to 9. During most of the two hours, patrons stood in line awaiting their turn to vote.

A number of voters expressed the opinion that if annexation of the southern portion of the district to Lebanon carries, it would materially change the district's need for plant expansion.

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