



**Pension Hearing**—George McLain (center, with moustache), California pension promoter, fights his way through a crowd of his followers to enter the hearing in Los Angeles at which a state senate committee is investigating McLain's Citizen Committee for Old Age Pensions. A boisterous crowd of elderly spectators clamored for admission to the hearing room after all seats were filled. (AP Wirephoto)

### Christmas Trees Raised as Commodity on Valley Farm

By FLORENCE CARLTON

Stayton, Oct. 27.—Christmas trees grown to order is the plan of Lloyd A. Craft, who has created a veritable Christmas tree farm on his place in the hills 10 miles east of Silverton and just north of Drake's crossing.

Craft, who first got his idea of the novel farm from a pamphlet describing such culture, which was issued by the Oregon State college, believes he is a pioneer in it in Oregon, although such practice has been carried out in the east.

At Christmas time last year, Craft cut over 280 acres of land to get some 5000 trees out for the holiday market. Considerable difficulty was experienced because of the rough terrain and it was finally necessary to use sleds to bring the trees out.

Last April, Craft purchased 27,000 of the two-year-old Douglas fir trees for a half cent each from the Oregon State Forestry department at Corvallis. These were set out in blocks, each tree having been given a three-foot square of space around it. As the buds appear at the ends of the branches Craft cuts them off, knowing that three more buds will appear where each one has been cut away. This tends to keep the trees symmetrical.

Outside of occasional hoeing, little cultivation is necessary, and the trees seem to thrive in the red-black soil. They do not need irrigation and trees which were six to 10 inches high when set out in April, have now grown to approximately 25 inches in height, the owner said.

Coming to Oregon some four years ago from Los Angeles after his discharge from the service, Craft first tried raising strawberries on his 30 acres in the Silverton hills, but met much discouragement due to weevil, marauding deer and capricious weather which insisted on being either dry when it should have been wet, or downright cold when it should have been warm to ripen the berries. Berries take a lot of cultivation, too.

Trees are of a marketable size three years after they have been set out, and Craft plans to buy 150,000 of the two-year-olds and add them to the ones set out in April.

Christmas trees which Craft took from his forest lands last year were shipped mostly to the California market, but the trees he is now growing commercially will be shipped to eastern markets, Craft said.

The tree venture is only a sideline with Craft, who is a roofer by trade. However, he said recently in an interview, it is a lot easier than growing strawberries.

Since Oregon is the natural habitat of the Douglas fir, Craft believes the Christmas tree venture is one destined to prove profitable for its owner.

**New York Subway 45 Years Old Today**

New York, Oct. 27 (AP)—The New York subway system celebrated its 45th birthday today.

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### Theory Advanced That Earth Created From Dust; Not Fire

Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 27 (AP)—A theory that the earth was created from dust instead of fire was unfolded before the national academy of sciences today by one of the world's foremost chemists.

The author of the new theory is Dr. Harold Urey of the University of Chicago — eminent atomic scientist, Nobel prize winner and discoverer of heavy water.

Urey did something unique. He looked with a chemist's eyes at the earth beneath our feet to find there the signs and clues to its origin.

The first thing he found was the temperature which had to exist in the top crust of earth about a billion years ago to form the present chemical compounds on the ground. That temperature was nearly 2000 degrees Fahrenheit.

But the temperature was not the creation, he reasoned. A billion years still earlier the earth was cool, just a huge aggregation of dust gathering into a ball as the sun passed through one or more vast dust clouds in space.

This primeval dust contained every kind of chemical, including a lot of radioactive dusts. The temperature of the dust ball began rising, due to the heat from this radioactivity, and the heat pressure of gravitation as the dust got denser. This it rose to nearly 2,000 degrees.

Iron and everything else was uniformly scattered through this dust ball. That would be impossible according to former theories, which required a liquid ball of fire in order for iron to concentrate in the core of the earth, where it now is.

But Chemist Urey sees an easy way for the iron to sink to earth's center while the earth was still a large, hard ball of dust. He names the chemical condition necessary, by which melting iron slips in little rivulets along silicate paths.

Urey's idea of iron sinking to the center of a solid earth also would explain a lot of mysteries. It explains, he says, the Pacific ocean, the continents, their drifting apart, the lost continents, the tropical climate of Antarctica, the great glacial periods, and the fluctuating length of the day.

It explains, for example, how water formed from the incoming dust and how originally waters probably lay literally boiling upon the whole face of the earth. As the iron sank, it displaced the lighter material at the earth's center. This material rose on one side of the earth—where Europe now stands—as the first land. On the opposite side a compensation depression formed, which now is the huge basin of the Pacific ocean.

### Latvians Don't Understand 'Kill'

Tacoma, Oct. 27 (AP)—Armed only with a dictionary and spurred by a too-recent memory of a life of oppression in their native Latvia, Mr. and Mrs. Os-kars Karlins came to the Puyallup valley last summer with their three children.

They settled at the summer farm home of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson. They could speak little English; none at all when excited.

Last week Dr. Johnson received a frantic call from Karlins.

"Very bad, come quick," was all the doctor could make out of the obviously terrorized plea.

He raced to the farm. There he found Mrs. Karlins and the children huddled in an upstairs closet. The father was in the yard, worried appearing but resolute.

He handed Mr. Johnson a slip of pink paper.

It read: "Kill Thursday."

It was a notation from the circulation department of a Tacoma newspaper to stop delivery of the paper during winter months while the Johnsons lived in town.

To the Karlins it meant what their dictionary said "kill" meant: "Make dead, take away life."



**No Comment**—Defense Secretary Louis Johnson (right) and Secy. of Navy Francis P. Matthews (left) talk with reporters after they conferred with President Truman for nearly 30 minutes at the White House. Johnson declined to comment on reports of an impending shake-up in the navy high command, but admitted that he and Matthews had conferred with Mr. Truman about recent Capitol Hill testimony on their inter-service battle over unification. (Acme Telephoto)

### Expelled Doctor Witness for U.S.

Portland, Oct. 27 (AP)—A physician testified today he was expelled by the Multnomah County Medical Society in 1937 because he treated members of the National Hospital Association.

The physician, Dr. Leland Belknap, said he applied two years ago for reinstatement but received no answer.

His testimony was in the government's suit charging that the Oregon State Medical Society and affiliated groups sought to monopolize prepaid medical care with their own organization, Oregon Physicians' Service.

Dr. Belknap said that as a result of his ouster, he had to pay more for malpractice insurance, could not subscribe to the American Medical Association's

Journal, was not listed in the doctor's telephone exchange and could not care for patients who were members of the Oregon Physicians' Service.

A fence made out of shrubbery of any sort is known as a "living fence." One of the oldest is the hedge, whose sharp barbs kept animals in as well as out.

### BIBLE PASSAGE FOR LYRICS

### Religious Music for Peace Comes to Tin Pan Alley

By CLAIRE COX

New York (AP)—Two Tin Pan Alley song writers have turned their attention from syncopation to the Scriptures so they can help fill an unprecedented demand for new religious music.

Howard Fenton, 28, and Gene Bone, 32, are trying to fill the needs of atomic age worshippers with songs set to the Psalms and lyrics of their own, appealing for world peace and brotherhood.

They started writing religious music more than a year ago, when word reached their ears that Bible sales were hitting an all-time high and church attendance was increasing.

Bone, son of a Menlo Park, Cal., Presbyterian minister, consulted his father, who told him he would be doing a real service for mankind if he turned his efforts to church music instead of love ballads.

It isn't easy for composers to make a living on religious music, but Bone and Fenton decided to live on their royalties from a couple of hits for a while and see what they could do about improving church music.

"There are plenty of hymns, and good ones, too," Fenton said, "but there hasn't been any good choir or solo stuff written for a long, long time. We used mostly Bible passages for our lyrics because we feel the lyrics are the most important part of a song, and who can improve on the Bible?"

And so, in their apartment in the heart of Manhattan's Tin Pan Alley, the boys set to work. They have written music to the

first and 119th Psalms, and their own peace hymn, "Prayer of a Waiting World," which they call a modern spiritual.

They played and sang their songs while the composer next door was rapping out boogie woogie on his tinny piano and the musical neighbor upstairs chanted a corny ballad off key.

"That's a lot of junk," said Bone, who 12 short months ago was part of the tinny Tin Pan Alley chorus.

"At least what we are doing is not junk. We are trying to help fill the barrier between classical stuff like Handel and Bach and what soloists can handle. We are trying to write music that the average church soloist can sing, and most of them are housewives, not opera sopranos.

"Of course, we'll have to go back to moon and June stuff pretty soon. Song writers have to eat, you know?"

**GOP Worker Dies**  
The Dalles, Oct. 27 (AP)—Mrs. John Patterson, 37, secretary of the Wasco county republican central committee, died yesterday after a long illness. Her husband is party county chairman.

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