



Salem Girls Become Dental Nurses—These three Salem girls will be graduated February 10 from the Dental Nurses Training school in San Francisco, and will be ceremoniously "capped." They are, from left, Betty Keeker, 411 South 16th street; Donna Jean Pence, 865 North Liberty; and Nellie Ferguson, Rural Route 1.

Is Symphony Dealer of Death To Musicians Who Play It?

(Editor's Note: Is Tschalkovsky's "The Pathétique" symphony a dealer of death to the musicians who play it? European symphony conductors believe the superstition. They point to examples such as the death Wednesday night in Stockholm, Sweden, of a clarinetist just after he finished playing the symphony. In the following dispatch a number of noted American symphony conductors give their opinions.)

By DAVID C. WHITNEY
New York, Jan. 30 (AP)—Most American musicians scoff at the idea death and tragedy always follow the playing of Tschalkovsky's "The Pathétique" symphony. But a few believe the superstition. "To of my dearest friends died within two days after I first conducted 'Pathétique' more than 40 years ago in New York, Victor Kolar, now on the staff of the Detroit Institute of Arts, said. "It is a symphony of death and suicide and disaster."

Two Churches Plan to Unite

Of particular interest two Salem churches—St. John's Lutheran, Rev. H. W. Gross, pastor, and Christ Lutheran, Rev. C. R. Schulz, minister, is the statement issued jointly by the American Lutheran church and the Lutheran church, Missouri synod, that their official committees on church unity had arrived at a doctrinal agreement. This agreement will be presented for approval and ratification to the national conventions of the two church organizations this year. The American Lutheran church has a membership of 689,310, including baptized children. The Lutheran church, Missouri synod, has 1,690,000 members. Together, the two bodies constitute well over one third of American Lutheranism. The document of agreement states that "this common confession of faith is the composite work of the committee on doctrinal unity of the Lutheran church, Missouri synod, authorized and empowered to prepare such a statement by its 1947 convention, and of the committee on fellowship of the American Lutheran church, authorized and empowered to negotiate with the Lutheran church, Missouri synod, by its 1948 convention."

Many Brave Weather For Benefit Social

Jefferson—In spite of the snow storm a fair sized crowd attended the pie social at the school house, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher association. The proceeds, amounting to \$45.50, will be used to help pay for the gym annex, built by the organization. Dan Roth of Albany auctioned off the pies. Numbers were presented by Mrs. Loren Luper, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Junkin, monologue by Irvine Wright, and Arthur White and his party presented a vaudeville magic show with Esther Bartholomew as assistant and soloist and Howard Bartholomew as music director. Refreshments were served following the program.

Committee Selected For 'Sweetheart' Ball

Monmouth—The home of Mrs. Delmer Dewey was the setting for a "Collecto Co-ed Tea." Members of the club acted as hostesses to a number of women students. The afternoon was spent informally by visiting and the serving of refreshments to the guests. Plans for the annual "Sweetheart Ball," a formal dance sponsored by Collecto's are now in progress. The following committee chairman were chosen: Nelda Sitz, program; Margaret Mills, refreshments; and George Prieb, decorations.

More National Parks Favored Especially Along Oceanfronts

By VERN HAUGLAND
Washington, Jan. 30 (AP)—Secretary of the Interior Chapman says the United States needs more national parks, especially along ocean fronts and lakeshores. He says the federal government also ought to speed up the acquisition of some 550,000 acres of private lands now inside the national parks.

At the rate of land acquisition with funds now available, says Chapman, the process will take at least 100 years. The private lands tend to become more expensive as time passes, and there is the further danger that some of their park values may be lost if they remain in private hands. Chapman recently aired his views on national park service problems before the national conference on state parks. In general his policies follow those of his predecessor, J. A. Krug. Like Krug, he stresses the point that there shall be no encroachment upon the parks "unless the welfare or the safety of the nation requires it."

He has gone further than Krug in indicating that where rival recreational and water-use needs of an area are equal, he may be on the side of Interior's reclamation bureau against Interior's park service. "Where the construction of a reservoir, dam or transmission line would damage scenic, scientific, historical or recreational resources of greater value to the nation than the economic benefits anticipated, the greater value should be protected," Chapman says.

"However, we cannot fail to recognize that the needs of a rising population and an expanding economy are giving increased importance to our programs for development and utilization of the nation's limited water and other natural resources." Chapman says that all the lands now used by federal agencies, states or communities for parks and recreation are inadequate for an increasing—and increasingly leisured—population. "The United States as a whole is especially lacking in beach and coastal lands," he says. "Opportunities to preserve ocean and lake front lands are fast diminishing. We need to accelerate the effort to get the best of what is left."

Chapman says he also is strongly in favor of: 1. Careful appraisal of the recreational possibilities of reclamation projects now being built throughout the west, and possible park service administration of a few such areas of national importance. 2. Better planning for the nation's recreational needs and facilities. 3. Early resumption of the recreational surveys begun before the war.

Newspapermen Meet At Eugene Feb. 17-18

University of Oregon, Eugene, January 30 (Special)—Panel discussions directed at the problems of both the weekly and daily publishing fields are featured on the agenda of the February 17-18 Oregon press conference meeting on the University of Oregon campus, announced Conference President Jack Travis, editor and publisher of the Hood River Daily Sun. Editors and publishers from 109 Oregon weekly newspapers and 22 daily newspapers have been invited for this 31st annual Oregon press conference, which will hear Marquis Childs, noted columnist, as the Allen Memorial Lecturer. University faculty members, representatives of the state's newspapers, and outstanding men in the newspaper field and related fields will participate in the two-day program which tentatively includes panel discussions, forums, meetings of special groups, business sessions, and the annual banquet. Co-sponsors of the conference are the university school of journalism and the Oregon Newspaper Publishers' association.

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