



Benson Ford To Be Speaker

Benson Ford, grandson of Henry Ford, vice president-general manager of the Lincoln-Mercury division of Ford Motor company, will address a brotherhood week dinner audience Tuesday, February 21, in Multnomah hotel's grand ballroom in Portland.

This announcement was released today by Dr. Morgan S. Odell, general chairman for Portland's observance of Brotherhood week. The dinner for Mr. Ford, added Odell, is sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews on whose national speakers' bureau Ford serves.

A feature of the dinner, stated Odell, will be the presentation of an award, prepared by the conference's national awards committee, to E. B. MacNaughton, Oregon chapter's first chairman. Mr. MacNaughton was personally selected for this early post of leadership by the late Newton D. Baker, one of the conference's founders and national co-chairmen.

From the record of that early day of NCCJ beginnings here is found this statement:

"There was evidence in Portland of a quite active propaganda of the Silver Shirts, of whom there are said to be about 600 in the city."

Dr. Odell stated that he would shortly have an announcement as to the personnel of the dinner committee.

Snubbed—Ejected and dejected members of the Japanese Diet walk out of Boston's City Hall after the city council voted to bar them from observing council sessions. The ban was approved by a 11 to 8 vote after one councilman proposed "Feed them, but don't educate them." The Diet members are visiting the United States to see "democracy in action" as guests of the government. But the Massachusetts legislature immediately invited the Japanese to visit their sessions. (Acme Telephoto)

East Salem School Pupils Remain Home During Week

East Salem, Feb. 2—Not every year do the school children have their daily schedules, that to them sometimes seem monotonous, broken into by vacation days at times when there are no special crops to be harvested and the out of doors just right for play, as it has been during the month of January. If it is not blocked roads it is power failure on some of the main lines that supplies the electric current which runs the automatic oil furnaces, as it did at Swegle and Auburn schools Tuesday.

Teachers at the three East Salem schools reported the following percentage of attendance on both Monday and Tuesday mornings; Middle Grove, 49 absent, 27 from an enrollment of 76 present; Swegle, about one-third present, and Auburn, about half absent.

Special activities are being conducted when school is in session. On Tuesday of last week at 9 o'clock Karl Thelen, instrumental music director in the Salem schools conducted a band concert at Middle Grove school for 40 minutes, with 40 members of the Parish Junior high school playing. All types of instruments were played with each one being explained to the children, and the part each takes in the band demonstrated. The school has only a small orchestra and Mr. Thelen hopes to have more interest.

The fifth and sixth grades of Middle Grove entered a contest on "How Your Town Grew," sponsored by the Weekly Reader. Winners were to receive two Weekly Readers written in Braille. They wrote on "How Salem Grew," and were winners, receiving the Braille Weekly Readers. The February meeting of the Mothers club of Middle Grove was postponed until February closed.

Photog Failed to Show Up

Muscataine, Ia., Feb. 2 (U.P.)—A bride of four months sued a photographer for \$5400 because he didn't show up to take pictures of her wedding. Mrs. Norma King charged that John Gundy failed to fulfill on oral agreement to record the ceremony on film. Her petition asked: \$200 for the cost of preparing for the pictures; \$200 for re-enacting the ceremony later; \$1000 for mental anguish; \$4000 for future mental anguish.

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Engaged—Princess Kazuko Take (above), 20-year-old daughter of Japan's emperor Hirohito, is engaged to marry Toshimichi Takasukasa, 26, a \$20-a-month clerk at the National Railway museum in Tokyo. No date has been set for the wedding. (Acme Telephoto)

Salem Feature In Magazine

Exhaust magazine, published in Los Angeles, which features west coast scenery and activity, has a fine Salem feature in the current edition.

The page feature has three pictures of local scenes—the State House, the smallest public park in the nation, and a Highway 99E scene in the heart of the blossom district in the summer time.

The pictures are by courtesy of the Oregon state highway commission.

The story mentions of the State House that "many thousands of visitors from out-of-state points toured the building during the 1949 travel season."

Of the one-tree park it is noted that "the tree was planted by a pioneer, William Waldo, in 1872." The tree is Salem's only Sequoia.

And, says the story, "The international highway . . . winds through a fairland of blossoms on its way to Salem when spring comes to the Willamette valley."

Quake in South Italy

Rome, Feb. 2 (U.P.)—A sharp earth tremor shook the city of Reggio Calabria in southern Italy at 10:45 a.m. (EST) yesterday. Dispatches said the shock caused no damage nor injuries.

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Mint Growers To Talk Shop

Oregon's chewing gum crop—peppermint—will be the number one conversation topic at O.S.C. Friday, February 10.

To meet with mint oil market representatives and college research personnel, the state's mint growers are being invited to attend a one-day meeting in the college museum building at 10 a.m. The announcement is from A. P. Steenland and Rex Warren, O.S.C. extension specialists who are in charge of program arrangements.

Featured speaker, they announce, will be Dr. L. G. Cox, Canajoharie, N.Y., a physiologist employed by the Beach Nut Packing company, mint oil users. Dr. Cox will discuss improved distillation methods, disease and insect control developments as well as work underway to breed improved mint strains.

Oregon is now the nation's top ranking producer of pepper-

mint oil, which is used primarily as chewing gum flavoring. Representatives of the two largest oil buying agencies—A. M. Todd company, Kalamazoo, Mich.; and the I. P. Callison and Sons company, Seattle, Wash., have also indicated their intention to be present at the meeting.

Marketing outlook for mint oil will be discussed by Marion D. Thomas, OSC extension agricultural economist. Extension Entomologist R. W. Every will discuss insect problems, and Steenland will lead a discussion on disease problems. Other speakers include Milosh Popovich, OSC professor of mechanical engineering, who will discuss mint distillation fundamentals. Improved mint distillation procedures is the topic assigned to A. D. Hughes, also a mechanical engineering department staff member.

Cards asking for questions to be answered by a panel of growers and research personnel have been mailed to all growers. Earl Chartrey, Clatskanie; Henry Turnidge, Jefferson; and Leon H. Funk, Eugene, have been asked to serve as grower members of the panel.

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