

Oil Growers Form League

Articles of incorporation and by-laws for a research and educational organization to be known as the Oregon Essential Oil Growers' league were drawn up by a planning committee that met in Salem Thursday.

The committee was selected at a recent meeting of Oregon mint growers in Corvallis Vice Chairman Jack Sather of Clatskanie presided in the absence of Dave Turnidge, Jefferson, chairman of the nine-man committee.

Three major Oregon peppermint growing areas were represented by the following committee members: Earl Chartrey, J. G. Cowles, and Sather from Clatskanie; Leon Funke, Harry Harbert, and H. H. Myers from the Eugene area; and Jake Gilmore, Jefferson area. Turnidge and C. U. Snyder, Jefferson, are the other members of the committee.

A. P. Steenland, plant pathology specialist at Oregon State college, and D. L. Rasmussen, Marion county extension agent, represented the Oregon extension service at the meeting.

According to Sather, "the purposes of the Oregon Essential Oil Growers' league are to promote research and education in weed control; pest control; proper fertilization; distillation methods, and marketing and other problems of the essential oil industry."

In addition, said Sather, the organization will strive to coordinate the activities of growers in all the essential oil producing areas in Oregon. Committee Member Funke pointed out that "essential oils include peppermint, spearmint, and dill oil."

Magician to Face Court on Morals

Los Angeles, March 3 (AP)—William J. Van Berkel, 63, a magician, faces hearing March 10 on charges of involving his two 14-year-old girl helpers in morals violations.

He was returned to jail yesterday in lieu of \$15,000 bond after arraignment in city court. The girls told a district attorney's investigator that Van Berkel induced them to have sexual relations with 17 schoolboys in recent months.

The alleged Svengali was quoted as saying in a statement to officers: "I instructed the girls in the esoteric aspects of the love relationship."

Extra Hours Set Up For Income Taxpayers

Between now and March 15, which is the taxpaying deadline, deputy collectors will help the public at the temporary internal revenue office at the Chamber of Commerce.

Extra hour schedules will be arranged, according to Paul Lynch, who is in charge of the Salem office. He announced this schedule:

Open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

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"Pain of any organic disease can be relieved by the lobotomy operation," he said. "But the patient's outlook on life must not be more than six months, although we have many who are living several years after such an operation has been performed."

The psychiatrist pointed out that the operation is not new. He said it had been used at the Winter General veterans hospital here for the last five years. Dr. Menninger is a consulting psychiatrist at the hospital.

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Actress Fined—Smiling Jean Wallace, ex-wife of Actor Franchot Tone, is embraced by her mother, Mrs. Mary Franchot, after she paid a \$60 fine in Los Angeles, for driving an auto while intoxicated last Christmas eve. She faced a possible jail sentence, and the outcome of the case left her in an obviously happy frame of mind. (AP Wirephoto)

Administration May Yield to Pleas for Handling Cold War

By JOHN L. STEELE and EDWARD V. ROBERTS
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Mar. 3 (UP)—The government may yield to congressional demands for a bold, new program to assure the world of the peaceful aims of the United States in world affairs.

It was learned that these two moves are definitely in the wind:

1. A Big Three foreign ministers conference, at which the proposal of Sen. Brien McMahon (D., Conn.) for a new approach on atomic controls may be discussed. It was believed likely the conference would coincide with a spring meeting of the council of the Atlantic pact.

2. A personal appeal to President Truman from his congressional lieutenants for a nationwide radio address that the United States—as always—is ready to explore in the United Nations any sound proposal for ending cold war differences with Russia.

Thus far, the President has rejected any spectacular move for easing East-West tension. He has felt that some of the suggestions of his congressional leaders do not jibe with the realistic facts of the nation's impasse with Soviet Russia.

Despite the administration's attitude, many congressional leaders persisted in their belief that the United States must take

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New West German Head Favors U. S. of Europe

Germans would vote overwhelmingly to join a strong Western European federation of nations but "dead forever is the restless fever to impose our will on the rest of the world," Theodor Heuss, president of the new German Republic, declares in the March issue of The American Magazine.

Taking cognizance of "much talk in the foreign press of 'rising German nationalism' which is sometimes pictured as a revival of the old militaristic, aggressive spirit," Heuss writes in a signed article:

"I cannot be too strong in emphasizing to you that this is a complete misreading of the signs. Nothing could be farther from the truth."

"Our fever is past," he states. "Two bloody wars, two disastrous defeats, have written a lesson that is dreadfully plain in every German home."

"I sincerely feel that if some fanatic tried today to preach Nazism and world conquest, he would be stoned to death in German streets."

"And I am quite positive that if a strong Western European federation is ever formed, on the model of the United States of America, Germans will vote gladly, in overwhelming numbers, to surrender their sovereignty and to join it."

While Germany hasn't achieved complete democracy, in the American and British sense, President Heuss reports rapid strides toward self-government under the supervision of the Allied High Commission. He is loud in his praise of Gen. Lucius Clay and his successor as military commander in Germany, John J. McCloy, and the economic contributions of the Marshall Plan.

"It was the initiative and vision of General Clay which set our feet once again on the road to real self-government," he asserts. "It was General Clay's confidence in us which gave us confidence in ourselves. With Clay's help Germany began to win back her dignity and self-respect. With the Marshall Plan's help, she began to live again economically."

"We need this support, both moral and financial. No people can spring overnight from tyranny and chaos to the status

of a solid, prosperous democracy. "Given time and opportunity, I am confident we shall learn how to govern ourselves in the great liberal traditions of the West. But always our democracy will be a bit unlike any other; it will never quite lose its German accent."

Basement Blaze Damages Property

Lebanon — Originating in a basement party room, fire caused considerable damage to the Ray Gleason home, 750 Williams street early Thursday morning. Firemen reported the bulk of flames were confined to a small area but the entire basement was damaged by smoke and water.

The blaze was believed to have started near a dayvenport which was being used as a bed. The occupant escaped without injury.

None the worse for the encounter, the helicopter hopped over to a Santiam highway lunch spot, where the pilot and

Lebanon — There will be no more complaints about the oversized wind sock at the Lebanon airport. Wednesday when Arnie L. Sumarladasm refueled the Bonneville power line patrolling helicopter at the field he sheared off the extra long wind sock with the rotor blade when he landed for gas.

Local Date Changed

Bethel — The March meeting of Bethel local of the Farmers Union has been postponed one

night, on account of the budget meeting of the school district being held on the regular meeting night. The Farmers Union meeting will take place Tuesday night, March 7.

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