



**T-H Law Amendments?**—Following White House conference with President Eisenhower, Senate Majority Leader Robert A. Taft (right) tells newsmen of the Administration's decision to abandon efforts to recommend changes in the Taft-Hartley labor law until after Congressional hearings on the subject. Looking on is House Speaker Joseph Martin. (UP Telephoto)

## Canners Will Meet at Yakima

Leaders in the canning industry of the Northwest will meet in Yakima March 17 and 18 for the annual business meeting of the Northwest Canners Association.

Present at the conference will be representatives of the National Canners Association and canned food marketing specialists from marketing centers of the United States.

Representatives of the National Canners Association in attendance will be Louis Ratzberger, president, from Hoopes, Illinois, and Carlos Campbell, executive secretary-treasurer, of Washington, D. C. Ratzberger will be the speaker at a membership luncheon on March 18.

A canned foods promotion conference will be conducted on March 18 on the latest marketing problems and techniques. Marketing specialists participating will be H. H. Jaeger, director of marketing division, Can Manufacturers Institute, New York City; Stanley Plumb, of the California cling-peach advisory board, San Francisco; and J. B. Rhodes, president of the National Retailer Owned Grocers and President of the Co-operative Food Distributors of America, Seattle.

The Northwest Canners Association will elect five directors to replace those whose terms

will expire, and a new slate of officers for 1953. Present officers are: president, E. I. Pitkin, Eugene Fruit Growers Association, Eugene; first vice-president, James E. Klahre, Apple Growers Association, Hood River; second vice-president, Vernon Whitney, Walla Walla Canning Company, Walla Walla; executive vice president, Cecil R. Tuttle, Portland.

## 30-Staters Chapter To Hear Dr. Byrne

Dr. Charles Byrne, chancellor of the state system of higher education, will be the featured speaker at the regular dinner meeting of the Salem chapter of 30-Staters scheduled for tonight at 6:30 at the Colonial House.

The Oregon State alumni group have invited their wives and guests to this meeting. The dinner meeting is usually a "stag" affair.

It is expected that Dr. Byrne will discuss legislative bills concerning the state board of higher education.

Although not an alumnus of Oregon State college, Dr. Byrne originally came to Oregon as director of student publications at the college.

## State Employees Group Meets at Mayflower

The regular meeting of Marion chapter 18, Oregon State Employees association, was held Monday night at Mayflower hall. An interesting report on legislation was given by Virgil O'Neill, president of the State Employees association, with open floor discussion with those in attendance and Lyle Sacre, chairman of District No. 2, and Mr. O'Neill.

A musical program followed the business meeting. Two accordion solos were presented by Darrell Covert, and a piano solo by Karen Covert; a girls' quartet was given by Karen Covert, Dorothy Schmidt, Margaret Ellis and Beverly Lockard accompanied by Mrs. Kenagy at the piano. Mrs. Wejke Winslow entertained with her trombone.

Maynard Nelson, accompanied on the piano by Philip McHarness, sang two numbers. The program concluded with "Easter Parade." Refreshments were served, with Ruby Endre in charge, using the Easter and St. Patrick theme.

Isabel Kenagy is chapter president.



**Problem**—The future of Lt. Gen. Vassilly J. Stalin (above) of the Soviet air force, son of the dead premier, poses problem for new leaders of the Soviet Union. Young Stalin has moved up rapidly in the Soviet military hierarchy. (UP Telephoto)

## No Early Decision On Filbert Imports

Portland, (AP)—There will be no early decision on Oregon filbert growers' request for an import quota, Ben Dorris of Springfield reported Monday.

The requested quota—to limit entry of Turkish filberts—will not be decided upon until the Eisenhower administration formulates its policy on foreign trade, he said. Some congressmen have suggested reduction or elimination of tariffs and quotas instead of continued foreign aid. Dorris, who just returned from Washington, D. C., is a member

of the Oregon filbert commission.

**QUEEN MARY IMPROVED**  
London (AP)—Queen Mary had a very comfortable night, attendants at her Marlborough House residence said Wednesday. The 85-year-old queen grandmother has been confined to bed for more than two weeks with a recurrence of a gastric ailment.

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## Board Looks Ahead to Completion of School

Members of the Salem school board Tuesday night looked ahead to the time when the new South Salem high school will have been completed. In this connection they decided, upon the recommendation of Supt. Walter Snyder, that seniors in the North Salem school be permitted to graduate from that institution, even though they live in the area to be served by the new building.

However, sophomores and juniors attending North Salem at the time the south side building is completed, will be shifted to that institution should they live within the area being served by that school. No boundary lines were established during the discussion.

Incidentally, progress is being shown in construction of the new building, judging from the bills the school board is paying. The contractors presented a bill of \$99,498 Tuesday night, bringing the total to \$315,945, or approximately 11 per cent of the entire construction cost.

Abandonment of the West Salem junior high school was agreed upon when the time comes to occupy the new South Salem senior high. Pupils who normally attend West Salem will be transported to Leslie. Any overflow from Leslie or Parrish will be housed in the two senior high schools until such time as additional junior highs are built. However, such pupils will remain under the jurisdiction of the junior high administrations.

The old Prospect school, closed as a result of consolidations, was offered to the Prospect Community club on a basis of \$50 annual rental, subject to a reversion clause in the title to the property.

Purchase of three additional acres of land adjacent to the Lincoln (Polk county) school at \$300 an acre was authorized.

Fire protection from the Salem department for Pringle, Zena, Rosedale and Lincoln school was considered but no decision reached. A possible saving in fire insurance enters into the situation.

Bids for the construction of the new Morningside grade school will be opened the night of March 17 and it is probable that seven or eight contractors will submit figures.

Alteration of the Baker neighborhood school to accommodate an increased registration was decided against. Supt. Snyder felt such a plan was not feasible and it is probable a limitation will be placed upon the size of next fall's first grade class. Children living east of Commercial street may be taken by bus to Bush.

Trustees of Capital Baptist church were given permission to construct a water pipe line in the parking area of the Washing-

ton school on Lansing avenue under certain conditions. The water line would then cross the avenue to serve the new building.

The board will cooperate with the Salem Heights water district in the construction of a proposed 500,000 gallon storage tank near Belcrest Memorial Park. The added supply will be of material fire protection for the Salem Heights, Liberty and Morningside schools.

Having reached the statutory retirement age of 65 years, Miss Lyle Murray of Highland, Miss June Philpott of Salem high, and Mrs. Carrie Thoma, instructor at the state tuberculosis hospital, will be retired as of next June.

Instructors who have completed their probationary period and will go on tenure beginning next fall include: Helen Addison, Marvin Anderson, Elizabeth Beers, Carroll Cram, Mariann Croisan, Louis J. DeLoretto, Bernice Evans, George Forgard, Lida Halvorsen, Earl B. Hampton, Betty Johnson, Antoinette Kuzmanich, Anna Martin, Frances A. McCarter, Donald Y. Miller, Thelma Miller, Billy Gene Noland, Hazel Rieke, Pearl S. M. Salter, Unamae Stoyka, Beverly Suttler, Jean Ellen Thibeau, Wallace Turnidge and Virginia Wallace.

Three teachers were hired for elementary grades: Mrs. Dorothy Snow and Miss Jacquelyn P. Davis of Salem and Mrs. Phyllis Rae Downing of Ashland.

**Building Permits up**  
Portland (AP)—The 25 leading construction areas of the West had, in February, a 24 per cent gain in the value of building permits over the same month last year, the magazine Western Building reported Wednesday.

The magazine, a light construction industry journal, said the total last month was \$138,346,586, compared with the February, 1952, figure of \$111,192,960 in the same areas. January of this year showed \$117,850,280 worth of permits.

Home building throughout the West, embracing 293 reporting counties, was up 13 per cent in dollar valuations to a total last month of \$214,032,984, the magazine said. There were 41,075 building permits.

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