

# Ferder Wins Area Event

Using the subject "Salvation of a Sucker," J. J. Ferder carried away top honors in the seventh annual regional Toastmasters speaking contest Saturday night at the Marion hotel.

As a result of his win, which was the seventh consecutive regional victory for the Salem club, Ferder will represent his area in a wider contest, covering a large part of the northwest, which will be held in Corvallis in May.

Ferder is president of the Salem Toastmaster club. Other clubs represented in the Saturday night contest were those of Albany, Corvallis, Woodburn, Silverton, Lebanon and the Capitol club of Salem.

Each contestant gave a prepared speech of from five to seven minutes and an extemporaneous talk of one or two minutes. There was an audience of about 100.

William Z. Iron of Silverton took second place, speaking on the subject "Wise or Otherwise."

Other contestants were: Harold H. Reynolds of Albany, on "Do We Want Liquor by the Drink?"; R. A. Forkner, Capitol Toastmasters of Salem, "Our Task"; Al H. Robertson, Corvallis, "Know Ye the Truth"; and L. E. Seely, Woodburn, "Two Ears to Hear."

A guest of honor was John W. Buck, governor of District 7, Toastmasters International, who was introduced by Lloyd Hammel of the Salem Toastmasters.

Dr. Ralph Gordon of the Salem Toastmasters was toastmaster of the evening. Robert Batdorf, area governor, presided.

During an intermission Joe E. Golk of the Woodburn club entertained with "The Great Speech of Congressman O'Dinkle."

Salem and Capitol Toastmasters clubs of Salem were hosts. The contest was at the Marion hotel.

Previous Area 2 contest winners were: George Moorhead, 1952; Sidney Schlesinger, 1951; Ralph Nohlgren, 1950; George Moorhead, 1949; Ralph Nohlgren, 1948; and Dr. Manch Gdwa, 1947.

**G. Is AID FOLIO DRIVE**  
Seoul (AP)— Servicemen in Korea gave \$450,330.28 to the 1953 March of Dimes, the U. S. Eighth Army said today.



J. J. Ferder, Salem man who won the area Toastmasters speaking contest Saturday night.

# Navy Men Operated Mess at White House

Washington (AP)— Backstairs at the White House: Rep. E. Ross Adair (R., Ind.) will get a chilly reception from the Eisenhower staff if he tries to find fault with the private "mess" operated for higher ranking White House officials.

Adair recently took the Defense Department to task for spending \$127,000 a year on what he called "private lunch-club" for Pentagon admirals, generals, and top civilian bosses. Adair said 82 officers and men were used in the Pentagon to staff the private messes.

Such a mess is operated at the White House by Navy personnel from the presidential yacht, the U.S.S. Williamsburg, for top officials who don't want to take the time to go out for lunch.

Relatively plain, but appetizing lunches are available to the upper White House echelon for between 75 cents and a dollar each. The charge is non-profit and based on cost. Service by Navy stewards is excellent.

The relatively lower-ranking White House employees, including the clerical and stenographic help, must leave the premises for a meal.

Since the Eisenhower administration took over the White House, however, a small room for the staff-at-large has been

opened in the basement, equipped with a variety of coin-operated vending machines which sell hot coffee, ice cream, crackers, candy, fruit juices, and soft drinks.

Cold war note: An official agency of the Russian government has a private telephone inside the White House.

This telephone was installed some years ago by Tass, the Soviet news agency, in the press room along with nearly 40 other phones of American press associations, newspapers, and radio networks.

Mikhail Fedorov, the chief Tass correspondent here, seems to use the White House telephone less these days than he once did.

"It rarely comes to the White House now unless there is a story directly concerning Russia. He shows up sometimes for presidential news conferences.

# Farmers Union Calls Meeting

Plans are being made by the Oregon State Farmers Union for a state-wide legislative conference to be held at Mayflower Hall, 2135 Fairgrounds Road, Salem, Saturday afternoon, March 28, starting at 1:30.

Representatives from county and local organizations of the Farmers Union throughout the state will be in attendance.

Other organizations invited to send representatives include the Oregon State Grange, the Oregon CIO, the Oregon AF of L, Oregon League of Women Voters and various other consumer groups.

Important bills before the legislature will be discussed by legislators. Among those who

have accepted invitations to attend are Representative Monroe Sweetland who will lead the discussion of public power measures; Representative Phil Roth who will talk on labor legislation; Representative Frank Farmer who will discuss farm and co-op legislation; and Representative Mark Hatfield who will talk on the proposed constitutional convention, reapportionment and election law changes.

Other subjects to be discussed include school bills, tax measures, and social welfare legislation.

There will be an open forum

with an opportunity for those attending to discuss the various legislative proposals. The public is invited.

**SERVED HIM RIGHT**  
Portland, Ore. (AP)— A determined thief worked hours yesterday hacking through the roof of Earl's Cafe here, police said. When he got inside he cleaned out the cash register of one 50-cent piece.

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# Pianists Risk Frozen Fingers Fighting Snow

Pierre, S. D. (AP)— Two concert pianists today told how they risked freezing their supple fingers digging out of snowdrifts in a blizzard that trapped them for 16 hours.

Arthur Whittemore and Jack Lowe, duo pianists, who were motoring to Pierre for a concert last night, were stranded with Whittemore's mother who suffered a heart attack. They called it a "pretty horrible" experience.

"We thought we had frost-bitten hands," Whittemore said, "which is tragic for a pianist." However, they made it here in time for the concert.

# Top Jet Ace Doesn't Look "Shook" to Adlai

Seoul, Korea (AP)— Adlai Stevenson talked with the world's leading jet ace today and decided the pilot didn't look "shook."

"They've relieved this guy, he's so good," the Democratic leader remarked after a short chat with handsome Col. Royal Baker, of McKinney, Tex., at an Allied air base. The lean Colonel was ordered off combat missions after he knocked down his 12th Russian-built MIG-15 last week. Baker will return to the U. S.

# NATS EXECUTE CHINESE REDS

Taipei (AP)— The Chinese Nationalist Ministry of Interiors' Ta Tao News Agency today said a small band of guerrillas raided a communist co-operative 10 miles southwest of Canton Feb. 28 and seized and executed four Red officials of both sexes.

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