

### Retain Church At Providence

Lebanon—Heavy week-end storm discouraged travel but did not deter nearly 100 Linn county residents who were interested in the fate of Joab Powell's frontier church at Providence.

Descendants of the pioneer clans formed such an articulate opposition that those interested in deeding the property to Albany's Baptist church, capitulated with little argument and agreed that Providence should remain a community church governed by no specific creed.

"We will object to Providence church being 'owned' by any one denomination," stated one of the dissenters to the deeding. "It is so strongly identified with the history of early Oregon that it has become a part of the public domain—the property of all."

"It was organized by community effort, and persons of all creeds have worshipped here for more than 100 years. Its roots are as deep in the land as the firs which surround it. We want it to remain as free to all as the view of the timbered Cascade slopes at whose feet it lies."

"It requires no 'deeding' to be well cared for and treasurer. The people of Providence and pioneer clans of Linn county will see to that."

Thus the old Providence church samples the democratic process of America, and remains unowned, but possessed by all.

### N. Marion High

Annual "Daddy Date Night" will be held by the North Marion chapter of Future Homemakers of America at the school Wednesday evening, March 25.

Robin Berkey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Berkey of Hubbard, has been selected by the students of North Marion to reign over May Day festivities this year.

Reigning with her as May Day court will be crown princess Lois Weinert; senior princesses Shirley Burnham and LaDonna Sather; junior princesses, Bonnie Hathaway and Frankie McLaren; sophomore princesses Fay Paris and Myrna Foltz and freshman princesses Sally DeArmond and Norma Foltz.

Jack Rasmussen of the North Marion chapter FFA received his state farmer award at the state FFA convention in Corvallis last week. The parliamentary team took third place. Attending the convention with their advisor, Elvan Pitney, were Ron Barendse, North Marion chapter president, Dale Callaway, Jack Rasmussen, Ray Pirkel, Merlin Kilewer and Bill McNary.

Maryanna Leikauf and Joan Solberg represented North Marion high school at the Northwest Music Educators conference in Bellingham, Wash., last week.

Miss Leikauf, first soprano in the chorus, and Miss Solberg, saxophone in the band, both participated in the two concerts presented Saturday, last day of the conference.

Hal Beyers, North Marion band and chorus director, attended the session.

Ratings won by the contestants from North Marion in the recent district solo and ensemble contest at Corvallis included a 2 rating by the clarinet quartet compared with a 3 rating last year; the saxophone quartet received a 3 rating, the same as last year; the brass sextet won a superior rating in the junior division and Dale Callaway received a 2 rating on his cornet solo accompanied by Mary Wettstein who received a 1 rating.

### NEWSPAPER PURCHASED

Central Point, Ore. (AP)—L. J. Malarkey, former columnist for newspapers in Southern Oregon, is the new owner of the weekly Central Point American. He purchased the paper from the family of the late Arthur E. Powell which is retaining ownership of the printing plant.

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### Sports Pilot Lost Enroute To Lebanon

Lebanon — Ray Welker of Portland, president of the Oregon Sportsmen Pilots, made an official visit to the fliers of Lebanon Friday night, but because of weather he had to make the trip by car.

Long accustomed to flying up-state along a course the shortest distance between two points, Welker became confused at Salem and forgot he was grounded. He took a compass reading and bore west instead of following the easterly meandering of the highway. At the dinner hour he had reached Mill City and was forced to re-chart his course.

Lebanon pilots were on the point of organizing a search and rescue mission for the Welkers when they turned up at long last to refresh themselves on pot-luck supper remains.

### Variety Show At Dallas Friday

Dallas — The Variety show sponsored by the High School PTA for the purpose of purchasing additional books for library will take place Friday, March 27, at 8 p.m. in the auditorium.

The Rhythm Makers will be one of the featured events. Tony Costa and Stanley Sanders, who have both played professionally in eastern and western bands, respectively, will handle the guitars. Don Costa (son of Tony) plays the string bass and Maurice Adams, who has played with orchestras and bands here and in Salt Lake City, will play the clarinet.

Another feature of the evening will be the Hungry Five German band, composed of five members of the high school band.

Dancing also will be featured with Janie DeWitt appearing in several tap dance numbers. Diana Lloyd will be seen in a ballet number.

Dale Overholser will take over the magic for the evening. Overholser has been practicing magic since his own high school days and has presented programs locally as well as in the Los Angeles area.

Bruce Burden (who is a brother of Larry Burden, local biology teacher) will present a variety of vocal solos. Ticket sale is being handled by the high school students.

### Mrs. Taft Entertains For Mrs. Eisenhower

Washington (AP)—Mrs. Robert A. Taft, who might have been first lady if the political winds had blown differently, is hostess today at a big party in honor of Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Sen. Taft will be on hand to greet the President, Mrs. Eisenhower and other guests.

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### Harveys Will Begin Hiring Here Shortly

Torrance, Calif. (AP)—A five-year research program to determine whether alumina can be extracted from local clays will get under way soon at the Salem, Ore., alumina plant bought Tuesday by the Harvey Machine company of Torrance.

The firm bought the plant from the General Services administration.

A Harvey spokesman said hiring would begin at the plant as soon as new equipment is installed and present equipment overhauled.

Arch W. Mitzger, general

manager of the plant since it was built during World War II, is to continue at that post, Lawrence A. Harvey, executive vice-president of the firm, reported.

The Harvey company also plans to build an aluminum reduction plant near The Dalles, Ore.

### DRUNK DRIVER FINED

Dallas—Kenneth C. Hooderhyde, Academy Apartments, Dallas, was arrested Saturday night for driving while under the influence of alcohol. He was also charged with driving while license was suspended. He was fined \$300 and sentenced to 30 days in the city jail.

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