

Speech Contest Next Saturday

Toastmasters from Oregon and Southern Washington will convene in Corvallis May 9 for their annual speech contest. John W. Buck, district governor, and Lou Smith, senior lieutenant governor, will preside over the meeting.

The meetings opens with a hi-jinks luncheon for the Toastmasters and their wives at the Benton hotel, then there will be business meetings in the afternoon for the men while the women enjoy Corvallis. Big event of the day is the dinner and speech contest which will be held at the Memorial Union ballroom on the Oregon State campus. Speech contest winners from the 12 areas of dis-

trict 7 will compete for the championship of the 62 clubs in the district. Twenty-five judges chosen at random from all over the state will select the contest winner.

Speakers competing in the contest are: Alvin D. Bauer, J. J. Ferder, Robert Finney, John M. Fleck, Victor Miller, and K. E. Reckard.

Area governors attending the meeting will be: F. M. Ginn, Robert Batdorf, Dave White, Ben Silknetter, Sam D. Gillette, Vincent P. Derig, Harvey Sampson, Dannel J. Dunn, J. M. Shively, Lee K. King, Paul R. Jinnett and Theodore Kaser.

Reds Blown Up
Hong Kong (AP)—The independent but pro-Nationalist Kung Sheung Daily News today said two platoons of Red Chinese soldiers were killed in an ammunition dump explosion May 1. A Red platoon normally has 25-40 men.

PUD Backers Slap at Albany

Albany—A Northwest Public Power association official, Executive Secretary Gus Norwood, took a crack at Albany at a meeting held at the Riverside hall and called upon representatives of five Willamette valley counties to leave the city out of a proposal to establish a People's Utility District in the Willamette area now served by the Mountain States Power company.

Norwood said Albany's agitation against such a proposal in past years might once again mean defeat in a general election.

Persons from Lane, Linn, Benton, Polk and Marion counties were on hand at the hall to elect a five man steering committee and to choose a name for the proposed PUD.

The steering committee, which will be charged with the responsibility of investigating the proposal and calling any other meetings, is composed of one representative of each county. Elected were W. W. Abraham, Linn; D. P. Larsen, Lane; George Tate, Marion, and Oscar Kendall, Benton. The Polk county representatives declined to name a steering committee member until a future date.

The proposal for a public utility district to serve Willamette valley residents with power is spearheaded by Abraham, Shedd and A. C. Heyman, Riverside. Abraham was leader of the group until a temporary chairman, Harley Libby, Jefferson, was named.

Norwood summarized the history of the public power movement. He said the proposal was gaining strength in this area because of a 20 percent surcharge on electric bills, imposed by Portland General Electric, Pacific Power and Light, and Mountain States.

It is expected that the group will attempt to get enough support to warrant placing the measure before the people in a general election, November, 1954.

Flood Crest Menaces Deweyville, Texas

Deweyville, Tex. (AP)—A new flood crest today threatened the battered levee protecting this small east Texas town from the savage Sabine river.

Dog-tired volunteers won a temporary victory against the river last night when the water, which had lapped within inches of the levee's top, began to ebb.

But a new crest was moving downstream and was expected to hit Deweyville late today or tomorrow. Authorities could not predict its effect.

Fight Over License Lost by Defendant

Lebanon—First round in a battle to acquit Charles C. Carter of Lebanon of driving while his operators license was suspended was lost Monday.

Judge Ruby Moore in municipal court denied a motion to change the 18-year-old youth's plea from guilty to not guilty, and fined the defendant \$50.

Attorney for the defendant, Laurence Morley, indicated that he would seek further legal action by appealing the case to a higher court.

Morley said the city had erred in charging the youth, and contended that it should have been driving with an expired license instead of a suspended license.

The attorney explained that Carter had allowed his license to expire last October, and in December the secretary of state's office suspended the license. But, said the attorney, "you can't suspend an expired license."

Rounds Up Peron Foes
Buenos Aires, Argentina (AP)—Police claim a wave of arrests throughout Argentina has broke a ring that plotted to

terrorize the Argentine people by bombings. One source estimated more than 150 persons had been taken into custody.

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Briton to Be Tried As Strangle Slayer

London (AP)—John Christie, accused "Notting Hill strangler," was ordered today to stand trial for murder at the Old Bailey, London's famed central criminal court.

Christie pleaded innocent at his hearing in the tiny Clerkenwell courtroom, reserved his defense and called no evidence.

Blaze at Albany

Albany—An estimated \$2500 damage was done to an Albany home before firemen reached the blaze on Tuesday when the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barker, 1230 E. Third Ave., caught fire. Fire is believed to have started from defective wiring in a washroom near the kitchen. Mrs. Ralph Barker, who was visiting Mrs. Barker, discovered the blaze. Mrs. Barker suffered a slight burn on her arm as she assisted Mrs. Barker from the burning home. Mrs. Barker has been ill.

FORFEITS BAIL

Albany—Judge Wendell Tompkins in district court here has declared forfeited \$200 in bail posted by William Chester Evans, 39, Salem, when he was arrested by state police on a drunk driving charge. Evans had been picked up by officers at U.S. highways No. 20 and 99 on April 18.

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