

RECESS IN 'CONFESSION' INQUIRY



Col. Frank H. Schwable, right, subject of a Marine Corps inquiry on his action in making a false germ warfare confession under Communist pressure, and his co-pilot in Korea, Maj. Roy H. Bley, second from right, talk with attorneys during a recess in proceedings at Washington. Bley, a witness, also was captured and like Schwable, signed a germ warfare confession. Attorneys are Col. Paul Sherman, left, and John H. Pratt, standing. (AP Wirephoto)

Extra Hours Scheduled For Taxpayers

With the deadline for filing income tax returns nearing, R. C. Granquist, district director of Internal Revenue, today announced plans for maintaining Saturday hours for taxpayer assistance at the local office of the Internal Revenue Service.

The office, at 201 Post Office Building, Salem, usually operates on a five-day week. The office will also be open the last two Saturdays before the income tax filing deadline of March 15. It will remain open until midnight on March 15.

Internal revenue officials point out that all taxpayers seeking assistance at the revenue office should bring all Form W-2's, together with records of income and business expenses.

Taxpayers, especially those with rental or business incomes, can also facilitate the filing of their returns if they bring their duplicate copy of last year's tax return.

the church this week as an added attraction during the Prophetic conference now in session.

The Salem Singers, a men's chorus, greatly in demand in church circles, will give a half hour concert on Monday night, February 22. The Salem Academy choir will give a half hour program on Tuesday night.

Several other musical groups, either from the local church or from other churches in the valley will add to the already mounting interest in these meetings. Services begin at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. H. P. Fast of Reedley, Calif., is being received with great appreciation in his prophetic ministry at the Mennonite church here.

Last Piute Medicine Man Dies at Burns

BURNS (UP)—The last of the Burns Piute Indian medicine men has died, it was learned today.

The last medicine man, Willie Jack, died last week, just a few weeks after another old medicine man, Johnny Pete, about 80, died at Pendleton.

Copra is the dried meat of coconuts which yields oil for soaps, paints, candy, shortening, plastics, lubricants, explosives and other things.

Salem January Building Spurts

Salem showed a vigorous 59 per cent gain in January, 1954 building permits over January, 1953, though the average for 19 Oregon cities was a 19 per cent drop, according to the monthly report of the Equitable Savings & Loan Association of Portland.

Washington cities showed a 92 per cent increase, Idaho a 58 per cent decrease and British Columbia, with only two cities reporting, a 35 per cent drop. Average for the whole region was a 22 per cent gain. Figures for the Oregon cities follow:

Albany	1,890	1,650	254
Astoria	7,359	23,591	-80
Baker	1,550	46,250	-97
Beast	15,389	22,250	-31
Corvallis	12,350	32,280	-76
Medford	352,273	215,875	-29
Grants Pass	27,249	123,315	-78
Klamath Falls	12,290	48,280	-72
La Grande	5,569	13,120	-58
Coos Bay	16,610	26,200	-29
Medford	447,244	43,724	876
Oregon City	3,100	29,188	-89
Pendleton	18,700	247,785	-92
Portland	2,413,789	3,223,900	-25
Roseburg	91,737	29,335	322
St. Helens	500	1,550	-67
Salem	294,800	250,215	50
Boring	87,280	183,785	-52
The Dalles	44,327	75,899	-42
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man shelter caught it. The 24-inch arrow had entered the bird's back with the point barely sticking out through the chest.

Adams removed the arrow and took the pigeon, apparently in good condition, to the shelter for observation.

Musical Groups Mennonite Church

Several well known musical groups will appear in half hour concerts at the Pratum Mennonite church this week as an added attraction during the Prophetic conference now in session.

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Slater Winner Freedom Essay

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (AP)—Henry L. Slater of Burns, Ore., who as a school principal won the \$1,000 first prize in the Freedom Foundation's Americanism essay contest in 1952, won second place in the same contest this year.

His prize is \$50 and the George Washington Honor Medal for his essay "Freedom's Holy Light." An equal award goes to the Rev. Robert Howard Sweeney, C. S. C. University of Portland, for a public address.

It is the third year in a row for a recognition at Burns, the grade school there having won an award last year.

Salem's Englewood school, a consistent award winner, again won a George Washington Honor Medal, and two other Salem schools were listed as winners of the principal school award. These schools are Bush and Keizer. Richmond school, Salem, is winner of a Freedom Library.

By coincidence, another Salem school figures in the award to Father Sweeney, for it was at Sacred Heart Academy there that he made his prize-winning address.

Pigeon Okay With Arrow Through Body

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—A pigeon with a target arrow through its body was spotted strutting along the roof of a house yesterday.

Walter Adams of the city hu-

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