

World War I Veterans Plan Salem Session

About 1100 Expected To Attend Oregon Meeting in June

The Veterans of World War I, Oregon department, will hold their third annual convention in Salem this year, June 6-9.

Approximately 1100 delegates are expected to be present at the convention and a combination convention of the organization's auxiliary, which will be held here at the same time. Many guests and visitors are also expected, according to R. J. Baldwin, Salem, general convention chairman and state junior vice-commander.

Tentative plans for the four-day event were announced at a Wednesday night meeting of Salem Barracks 113. They include a parade, a state-wide picnic and banquet, plus some regular business sessions at the Marion hotel.

Also at the meeting, National Commander Hurlan W. Barnes, Portland, installed new officers for the local group and its auxiliary, William McKinney, Salem, insurance agent, was installed as commander of the barracks and Irene Strohmeyer as president of the auxiliary.

Plans Laid for Scout Activity

An exhibition of scouting skills and activities and a jamboree training session has been planned by the Cascade Area Boy Scout council. The council-wide exhibition will be held in Salem at the state fairgrounds sometime in May under the sponsorship of the Salem Lions club.

In other scout activities this week the council's camping and activities committee announced that all scouts and explorers planning to attend the national scout jamboree in Valley Forge, Pa., next summer will participate in the "jamboree-camporee" along with other scouts.

It has also been decided to add archery and marksmanship to the roster of activities at the council's annual camping series at Camp Pioneer next summer.

Cake Brings Money for Polio Fund



Customers of Peerless Bakery have been decorating this cake with coins and folding money as contributions to the March of Dimes. Shown here is young Catherine Cooley, who knows from personal experience what polio is, adding a bill to the cake. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cooley.

Cesare Valletti 'Thaws Out' Audience With Performance

By FRED ZIMMERMAN
Capital Journal Writer
Blessed with a voice that is clear and ringing through a wide range and presenting a personality that is pleasing, Cesare Valletti, operatic tenor, converted a somewhat cool audience into one that generally applauded his efforts in the Fine Arts auditorium of Willamette university Thursday night.

Perhaps it was the chill of the outside atmosphere that kept the scant audience in an apparent unappreciative mood during the singer's first group of songs.

In any event, Valletti came back to sing five short Schumann numbers that completely dispelled the chill of the listeners. He won them over completely in his rendition of the "Lamento di Federico" from "L'Arlesiana." The selection

which contains the line "I should like to forget everything, but every effort is in vain," was given with a poignancy that the author intended.

Holmes Lauds Sen. Overhulse Pick for Chair

The selection of Sen. Boyd R. Overhulse, Madras Democrat, as the first Democratic president of the Oregon Senate since John Whitaker in 1879, cheered Gov. Robert D. Holmes Friday.

"Sen. Overhulse is one of the ablest legislators and finest men in the Democratic Party," the governor said. "He will give the Oregon Senate conscientious, intelligent and fair leadership. I am pleased that the long and unseemly struggle, perpetuated beyond reason by willful resistance of the Republican members of the Senate, has ended.

"I am proud, too, that Sen. Overhulse and his Democratic colleagues, acting in the public interest, were willing to make one final attempt to resolve the situation. My congratulations to the new Senate president. I anticipate that he will work with my administration closely and harmoniously."

Drunk Driving Arrests Listed

Drunken driving resulted in the arrest of 106 persons by state police in December, it was revealed in a report filed with Gov. Robert D. Holmes today. Aggregate fines on the arrests total \$15,105, according to the report.

A total of 233 arrests for bus and truck speeding on the highways were made and another 75 arrests were for reckless driving. Oversized vehicles or loads resulted in 141 arrests while four others were for leaving injurious materials on the highways.

There were 162 arrests in the game code division with fines of \$3840. Five arrests were made in the commercial fisheries division.

The tenor presented five French compositions after the intermission and then concluded his regular program with three English works. He was generous with his encores and responded graciously to the demands of an audience that had been thoroughly awakened to fine points of vocal efforts.

Nevertheless one left the pleasing appointments of the auditorium wondering whether Salem really

Scotty Washburn Selected as City's Junior First Citizen

By ROBERT ROBINSON
Capital Journal Writer

"I've been in a lot of communities in my life, but none are any nicer than Salem." Those were the words of Frank M. (Scotty) Washburn, winner of the Salem Junior First Citizen award for 1956, in an interview today.

Washburn, who was named for the honor at the Junior Chamber of Commerce's 18th annual distinguished award banquet Thursday night, went on to say that his feeling for the Salem community was not because of the fact that he won the award.

"I have always enjoyed living in Salem," Washburn said. It is the nicest community I have ever been in, and I would have said the same thing before I got the award.

Washburn Overwhelmed
The 29-year old Washburn seemed almost overwhelmed when his name was announced Thursday night as the award winner. As his name was revealed by Stanley Schofield, the 1955 winner, Washburn turned crimson in color.

"I'm speechless," he said. "I'm going to give this plaque to my wife, she's the one who deserves it."

Washburn was still in a bit of a daze Friday morning but he said he didn't think he was a bit more excited than his wife, and his three daughters. He said that "one of my daughters has been running around ever since day-break, shouting 'Daddy, Daddy.' She even has a picture of me in one of her hands."

Works With Boys
The honor bestowed upon Washburn will not come as a surprise to some 2500 boy members of the YMCA. To them he is a familiar and popular face. They know him simply as "Scotty."

It was for his outstanding work in the YMCA that Washburn won the award. He has been Boys' Work secretary for the Salem YMCA during the past five years.

Because of his affection for the city of Salem, it is with much regret that Washburn revealed this week that he plans to move away from the community early in April.

Washburn will take over as director of YMCA adult activities in Seattle in April. He said today that in his new post he will direct an adult hobby school, a service club and a staff training program. In winning the Jaycee award, Washburn joined a rather select group. In addition to Schofield in 1955 previous winners have been: Mark Hatfield, 1954; Sid Boise, 1953, and Otto Wilson Jr., 1952.

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Lay Retreat Meetings Set Coming Week

Winter quarter meeting of Salem chapter of the Laywomen's Retreat League will be Wednesday, January 30 at St. Joseph's Catholic parish.

Speakers at the conference will be Rev. Sebastian Drake, O.F.M. of Serra High school faculty and one of the retreat masters at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House near Beaverton.

Conference will be at 7:30 p.m. followed by benediction. Business meeting and social hour in St. Joseph's rectory meeting room. Officers of the Salem chapter are Marguerite Gleason, president; Mrs. Frank Slimak, vice president; Mrs. Edward Domagala, secretary-treasurer.

Object of the league is to promote interest in spiritual retreats at any of the various retreat houses for women. These include the Beaverton retreat house and one at Franciscan Retreat House, Palestine Hill road, Portland.

Mrs. Marie Bertram is promoter for the Beaverton house in St. Joseph parish and Mrs. Slimak for St. Vincent dePaul parish.

The quarterly state meeting of the Laywomen's Retreat League will be held Sunday night, January 27 at St. Peter's parish in Portland.

MT. ANGEL MEETS SUNDAY
MOUNT ANGEL (Special)—Winter quarterly meeting of Mount Angel chapter of the Laywomen's Retreat League will be held Sunday night at St. Mary's church, Rev. Cyril Lebold, OSB, will conduct the conference which will be followed by benediction at the church.

The business meeting and social hour will follow in St. Mary's school meeting room. Mrs. Louis LeDoux is president of the Mount Angel chapter. Other officers are Miss Anne Ewert, vice president; Miss Helen Keber, secretary-treasurer.

Banquet Date Set
LEBANON (Special)—Annual banquet for Chamber of Commerce members, Jan. 28 at Melody Lane, will have a speaker from the School of Business at the University of Oregon, Associate Professor Charles Johnson, said E. V. Doty, chamber secretary. Dinner will be at 7:30 p.m.

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