



Toastmasters Club Sets Speech Contest

The Medford Toastmasters club will start its annual speech contest at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Rague room of the Medford hotel.

Toastmaster will be Jim Foster, and topicmaster will be Ken Blair. John Austbo will serve as critic, according to club officials.

Speakers for the semi-finals are Cliff Ouellette, Dr. Ralph Hibbs, Ron Cordon and Russ Mitchell.

Club officials said former Toastmasters as well as persons interested in joining have been invited to the contest.

March of Dimes Dance Slated at Shady Cove

Shady Cove—A dance featuring music by the new Camp White orchestra has been scheduled for the Veterans hall here Saturday night, it has been announced by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, sponsors. Dancing will start at 8 o'clock.

Admission will be a donation to the March of Dimes, the announcement said.

Workers Hired During Missile Plant Strike

Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.—(U.P.)—Pan American Airways began hiring ground service personnel today to keep the nation's top-secret guided missile center operating during a confused walkout by workers seeking union affiliation.

Both Air Force and Pan American officials announced the work stoppage had not in any way affected the center's main functions, the testing of guided missiles.

Pan American Airways holds the primary contract with the government for administering, supporting and maintaining the operations of sprawling Cape Canaveral, an isolated and

KING LEARNS ENGLISH
Washington — (U.P.) — King Saud of Saudi Arabia has learned his first words of English. As the monarch entered the White

House Wednesday, photographers shouted, "one more, please." "Wan more," the King asked, smiling?

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Briefs From the Legislature

By UNITED PRESS

Salem—(U.P.)—A constitutional amendment to abolish the death sentence in Oregon was scheduled today for introduction in the Legislature. It was requested by Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

Salem—(U.P.)—The Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday introduced a bill to halt Oregon residents from getting six-week divorces in Nevada.

If the measure became law Nevada divorces obtained by an Oregon resident who continued to maintain a residence in this state would not be recognized by Oregon.

Salem—(U.P.)—Some 98 lobbyists have registered for the current session of the Oregon Legislature.

There are 90 lawmakers.

Salem—(U.P.)—A bill calling for a four per cent severance tax on minerals was introduced in the House yesterday by the Taxation Committee. It would levy the tax on oil and gas should they be produced in the state.

Salem—(U.P.)—Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie) and Rep. Sam Wilderman (R-Portland) have prepared a bill which would make trading stamps redeemable in cash rather than in merchandise only.

Salem—(U.P.)—The time for demanding an election recount would be extended from seven to 20 days under a bill introduced in the House yesterday by the Committee on Elections and Reapportionment.

Salem—(U.P.)—A bill to grant exemption from state income tax on retirement pay of retired federal employees was introduced in the Senate yesterday.

Draft Dodger Would Be 'Fool' to Join NG, Capt. Fagone Claims

"Any young man that was a 'draft dodger' during the Korean war would have been a fool to join the National Guard," Capt. S. J. Fagone, company commander of Headquarters company, 1st Battalion, 186th infantry regiment of the Oregon National Guard, Medford, said today.

Fagone answered charges made by Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson that "some young men used the National Guard as a 'draft dodging business' during the Korean war." He made clear this was only his opinion and not Oregon National Guard policy, in a statement made at the request of The Mail Tribune.

On Call

The company commander explained when a youth joins the National Guard he is subject to active duty on call of the President, congress or governor in any emergency, such as the Korean war.

"A kid that joins the National Guard between 17 and 18½ is not eligible for the draft anyway," Fagone said. According to law young men cannot be drafted until they are at least 19, which is "scraping the bottom of the barrel," he added.

He said he doubted if any other Guard units in the country were used for "draft dodging" either.

Those in the Guard had no

Lions' TV Auction Continues Monday

Crater Lions will continue its annual March of Dimes television auction show over KBES-TV Monday night, Feb. 4, starting at 10:30 p.m.

The first part of the auction was held last Monday night over the television station and because of the time limit approximately half of the merchandise put up for the auction by local merchants was sold.

Special telephones will again be installed for the auction and the Crater Lions' club hopes to top its goal of \$5,000 for the auction, according to John Lusk, club president.

Merchandise offered for the auction includes electrical appliances, furniture, gift certificates, sports equipment and other articles.

idea whether they would be called or not, Fagone said. A young man in many cases would have stood a better chance in remaining out of the Korean fighting by not enlisting in a Guard unit at all, he said.

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Answering Wilson's charge that the National Guard is inefficient and not properly trained, Fagone said the so-called "draft dodgers" in his company have received three consecutive "superiors" for training at summer camp and three consecutive "excellents" for federal inspections, which were scores based on comparative analysis with the regular Army.

Fagone denied Wilson's statement that more than 80 per cent of National Guardsmen have had no prior military training. "Wilson just didn't have the facts straight," he said. Only about 60 per cent of Headquarters company falls in that category, he added.

Fagone said he thought the National Guard was too strong to be hurt by Wilson's remarks. "If anything," he added, "they will boost the Guard's morale."

Fagone pointed out that during the Korean conflict about six National Guard divisions were activated, bringing about 200,000 National Guardsmen into action.

Headquarters company remained in Medford during the Korean war, he said, but was one of the first National Guard units to be activated in World War II.

Ten Pneumonia Cases Reported

Ten cases of pneumonia were reported to the Jackson county health department during the week ending Jan. 25, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician.

Also reported during the same period were eight cases of influenza. The pneumonia cases were reported in Medford, 5, Ashland, 3, Phoenix, 1, and Central Point, 1. Medford lead with 6 cases of influenza with Ashland and Rogue River reporting one.

One case of infectious hepatitis was reported in Ashland as well as one case of scarlet fever, and Medford reported 8 cases of measles.

Also reported were four cases of pink eye, two cases each in Medford and Ashland; one case of infectious mononucleosis in Ashland as well as one case of chicken pox there.

Holmes Signs Bill For Legislators' Pay

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Robert D. Holmes signed his first bill yesterday—with the full blessings of all the members of the 49th Legislature, Republicans and Democrats alike.

The first bill to reach the governor's desk calls for the appropriation of \$775,000 for the payment of salaries and mileage of the 60 representatives and 30 senators, and for the general expenses of the 49th legislative assembly, now in its 18th day.

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