

Power Plant Soot Brings \$10,000 Yearly
Cleveland—Soot from the municipal light and power plant here is collected in electric precipitators and sold to out-of-state cement companies for use in their products. The city realizes about \$10,000 each year from the sale of soot.

GAS APPLICATION OK'D
Salem—(AP)—Public utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill has partially granted an application of Northwest Natural Gas Co. to provide gas in The Dalles and adjacent territory for industrial, commercial and residential consumers.

Australia's peanut crop was a record 28,000 tons last year.

Talent Show Set At Medford High

The 10th annual amateur talent tournament sponsored by Jackson county chapter, Disabled Veterans, has been set for Dec. 9 in the Medford High school auditorium.

Anyone under 18 years old, with an amateur standing who can dance, play an instrument, sing, or perform acrobatically should contact Pat Graham, chairman of the DAV talent show. No entrance fee is charged. Prizes will be awarded winners in each category with an overall top prize for the winner selected.

"Since the first of these annual Talent contests was conducted by the chapter, the DAV talent show has increased in number and quality of entertainment acts which require an auditioning show," Graham said.

"The pre-show idea was inaugurated last year with the audition set for the Camp White Domiciliary theater. The pre-show this year will be Friday, Nov. 25, in the domiciliary theater," Graham said.

Senate Appears Likely To Be Again Controlled by Democrats

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Washington (Special)—Barring a presidential landslide for one candidate or the other, the Senate appears likely to be controlled once again by the Democrats with substantially the same margin they now hold of 66 seats to 34 for the Republicans.

Reports from the 34 Senate election contests around the country this year indicate that only about 10 of them are regarded as fairly close, with such familiar figures as Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) and Sen. Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass.) considered to be in trouble.

For the Republicans to wrest control of the Senate, they would have to win 28 of the 34 contests in November. Political observers here consider this a virtual impossibility because six of these

contests, in southern states, and a seventh in Alaska are all considered "safe" for the Democratic incumbents who are up for reelection.

Oregon Seen Close
The 10 states in which the outcome is considered fairly close are Oregon, Minnesota, Delaware, Michigan, Missouri and Wyoming, all of which now have Democratic incumbents; and Kansas, Massachusetts, Colorado and Iowa, all Republicans.

Late reports indicate that the Democrats may well lose their seats in Delaware and Wyoming, and the Republicans stand to lose their seat in Iowa.

In Oregon, the general feeling here is that the Democratic nominee, Mrs. Maurine B. Neuberger, is ahead, but that the Republican, Elmo Smith, is narrowing the gap.

In Minnesota, Sen. Humphrey was given a lead of 59 to 39 per cent in the Minnesota poll six weeks ago taken by the Minneapolis Tribune. Two weeks ago his margin dipped to 53 to 43, and the most recent sampling shows

Humphrey with 49 per cent and Kenneth Peterson, his GOP challenger, 47 per cent.

Sen. Saltonstall's difficulty is that he is running in the home state of the Democratic presidential candidate. Massachusetts is expected to give John F. Kennedy a large margin for president, and the question is whether Republican Saltonstall can make it through this heavy tide even against a relatively unknown rival.

In Wyoming, where Sen. Joseph O'Mahoney is retiring, Republican Rep. Keith Thompson is the favorite to put this state once more in the GOP column.

In Delaware, Republican Gov. Caleb Boggs is now the slight favorite to unseat Democrat Sen. Allen Frear.

Iowa, on the other hand, appears set to give the seat of its retiring Republican Sen. Thomas Martin to its Democratic Gov. Herschel Lovelass. And in Missouri, the vacancy caused by the recent death of Sen. Tom Hennings is regarded as likely to go another Democrat, Edward V. Long.

Michigan appeared to be a horse race between Democratic incumbent Sen. Pat McNamara against Republican Rep. Alvin Bentley. It was rumored that McNamara was seriously ill, but recent

indications are that he is ahead.

Incumbents Ahead
The Republican incumbents in Kansas, Sen. Andrew Schoepel, and in Colorado,

Sen. Gordon Allot, were regarded as slightly ahead in close contests.

Among the more familiar Senate figures considered to be comfortably ahead in their races are Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Maine), Sen. Paul Douglas (D-Ill.), Sen. Robert S. Kerr (D-Okla.), Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.), Sen. John Sherman Cooper (R-Ky.), Sen. Clinton Anderson (D-N. Mex.), Sen. Henry Dworshak (R-Iowa), and the southerners such as Richard Russell of Georgia, Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, James Eastland of Mississippi, and John McClellan of Arkansas.

Air Force Said Asking Funds for New Space Plane

Washington—(AP)—Aviation Week said this week the Air Force is asking money for research on "space plane," a manned, winged craft which would collect oxygen from the atmosphere for use as fuel on missions as far as the moon.

The magazine said space plane would be a 500,000-pound successor to orbital versions of the far smaller Dyna-Soar, a rocket-boosted glide-bomber now under development.

Wants \$20 Million
The Air Force wants \$20 million for the space plane project in its budget for the fiscal year starting next June 1. Aviation Week said, "This would cover studies designed to lead to flight tests in the 1956-1968 period."

"Most unusual feature of this vehicle," Aviation Week said, "is that it would almost double its half-million pound takeoff weight as it flew through the upper atmosphere because it would collect oxygen for its engines as it flew."

The plane would take off from earth with the help of rocket boosters. Propulsion at 285,000 to 380,000 feet would be by means of the craft's turbine engines or perhaps hydrogen-fueled ramjets.

In space, the craft would be driven by rockets burning liquid hydrogen and the liquid oxygen collected during flight within the atmosphere.

The purpose of the oxygen collecting system, Aviation Week said, "is to enable man to travel further into space using a lighter-weight vehicle at takeoff."

The magazine said the plane could be used for a variety of missions "including resupply of weapon systems now planned for development by that time."

Air would be scooped aboard the plane as it flew in the high atmosphere and compressed to liquid state. Nitrogen in the air would be boiled off and the liquid oxygen stored for use as needed.

Most of the space in the craft would be taken up by equipment to get rid of the heat freed in the liquifying process. Some engineers, Aviation Week said, "believe the vehicle will be essentially a flying radiator with a large open mouth."

Handbook Being Distributed in State

A 36-page handbook, "Ideology and Co-existence," is being mailed out to 471,000 Oregon homes this week, it was announced by Moral Re-Armament.

The manifesto is designed to cut through the confusion about co-existence, answer Communism and cure the causes of Communism, a release stated. It has been distributed in 14 languages, including Russian, at the United Nations meeting. It has been sent to six million homes in Connecticut, New Jersey and New York.

Eighty-four million copies have gone out in 25 languages and it has been sent to nine European nations. The book was prepared at the Moral Re-Armament world assembly center at Mackinac Island, Mich. Distribution of the book is being financed by contributions.

Orange Tree Survives At Ontario Gold Mine

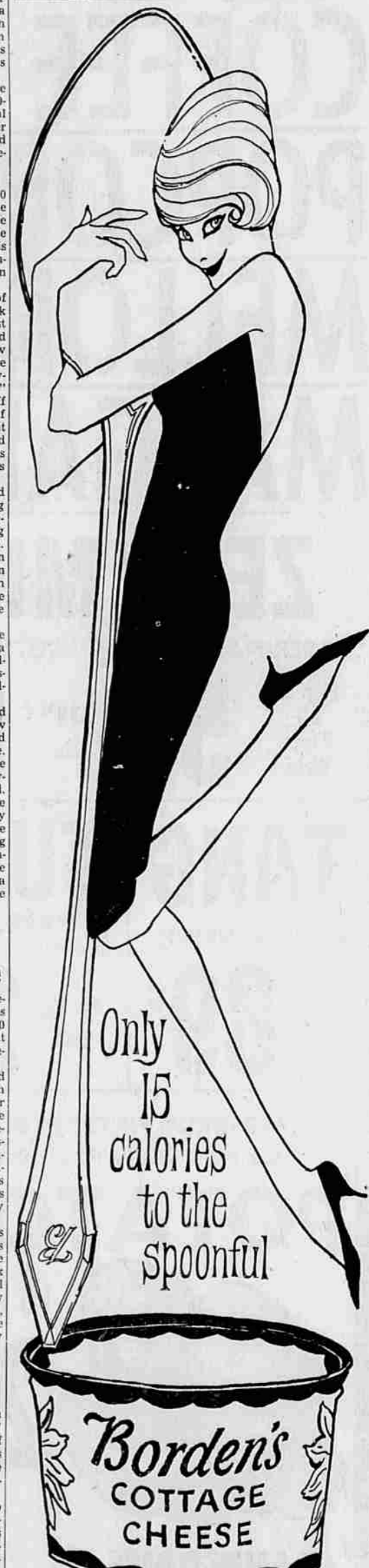
Kirkland Lake, Ont.—An apple tree that grew for 17 years at the 3,150-foot level of the Sylvanite gold mine is dead, but a Florida orange tree survives in constant 70-degree temperature.

Both were planted by Leo St. Onge, a miner now retired, with seeds from his lunch-pail fruit and were nurtured with light from a 110-watt bulb, air from the mine ventilation and daily watering at lunchtime.

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