

PAUL ROBESON OPENS CONCERT SEASON FRIDAY

Paul Robeson, outstanding negro singer, and Clara Rockmore, thereminist, will open the winter series of the Klamath Community Concert association on Friday evening in the Pelican theatre.

Many high tributes have been paid to Robeson and his accompanist, Lawrence Brown, who has been with the famous baritone since his first public concert. The following is of interest:

When, with the participation of Alexander Woolcott of the board of trustees, Hamilton college recently conferred its honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters upon Paul Robeson, the famous negro baritone, someone recalled that it was the same Alexander Woolcott who had influenced the early career of the great singer when he was still a law student financing his studies with weekend games of professional football.

Woolcott, who said of Robeson—"of the countless people I have known in my wanderings over the world, he is one of the few of whom I would say that they had greatness," was dramatic critic of the old New York world at the time and lived in a small flat in the gas-house district of Manhattan, which was an inspiring refuge for many promising artists. At the time Robeson was undecided between a career in law, the theatre, or his chances of becoming a heavy-weight boxer. Instead, he might do something with his voice, he suggested to Woolcott one day.

"He told me shyly," Woolcott said later "that he had just discovered he had a pretty good voice. He would come around some evening, he said, and roar a few spirituals at me. With which promise he pulled his vast bulk together and roared off. 'Perhaps,' continued Woolcott, 'I am only being wise after the event, but I think I felt at the time that I had just crossed the path of someone touched by destiny. He was a young man on his way. He did not know where he was going, but I never in my life saw anyone so quietly sure, by some inner knowl-

edge, that he was going somewhere."

Ten years later Woolcott was in London—where the reigning sensation was Paul Robeson, idol of music-lovers who filled Albert Hall for his recitals, and pride of the drama critics who hailed his performances in "Othello" as "great acting."

Back in New York the following season, Woolcott received the clippings that celebrated Robeson's revival of "All God's Chillun" with a new actress named Flora Robson, comparing the two to the immortal Kemble and Mrs. Siddons. Accompanying the clippings was a brief message from Robeson which Woolcott calls "my favorite among the epistles of Paul." He merely said: "How'm I doin'?"

What's in a Name, Says Cop

NEWBERG, Nov. 27 (AP) — State Policeman Jim Burns thought he was being spoofed when he stopped an autoist because of a defective light.

"Name, please?"

"Little," replied the driver.

unwinding himself from behind the wheel and stepping to the pavement. Burns, a big fellow himself, blinked upward at the man's 6 feet, 8 inches of size.

"It's no gag," continued the driver, "my name's David Little and I'm 19 and I live at Dundee."

Weather Enables Copco Crews to Keep Busy Here

A number of small jobs were keeping California Oregon Power company crews busy this week as fair weather continued to allow unhampered outside work.

A small crew was relocating and increasing the power of a bank of transformers in the alley between Fourth and Fifth and Main and Pine streets. The shift is being done to handle increased power needs in the block.

Another group of workmen in the water division was replacing wooden timbers with concrete

crete cradles supporting east side water line along the Link river.

Copco expects to begin work soon on a major extension of line into the Tulelake tunnel to power the recently completed pump-house.

Knox Displays First Captured Swastika Flag

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 (AP) — A huge swastika flag hung on

the wall of the office of Secretary Knox today immediately opposite his desk.

The swastika was black against a circular field of dark gray with the rest of the flag in red.

A card pinned to the center said:

"German swastika taken from the German motorship Odenwald at the time of her capture earlier this month by the USS Omaha."

flag," Knox told his press conference. The flag was not flying on the Odenwald at the time of her capture. She was disguised as the American ship Wilmote of Philadelphia.

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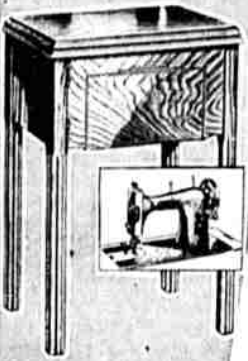
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