

# STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN FESTIVAL

More than 1500 boys and girls will participate in a music festival scheduled for Thursday, May 13, at 2:15 p. m. in Pelican court of Klamath Union high school. Those taking part will be grade and junior high school students, according to Andrew Loney Jr., director of music education in the Klamath Falls schools.

The program will consist of an all-school fourth grade chorus, fifth and sixth grade chorus, and seventh grade chorus, together with the boys' and girls' choruses of the Junior high school band, the beginning string orchestra, beginning band and the combined school orchestras.

The program will be open to the general public, and no admission will be charged. The festival is given for the purpose of providing the children with an opportunity for singing together in a large group and to climax this year's work, Loney said. It will also give an insight into the instrumental work being done in the grade schools and Junior high school, as well as the vocal work.

## C. S. Robertson To Serve on Committee

C. S. Robertson, president of the First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Klamath Falls, is a member of the 1943 committee on housing of the United States Savings and Loan league. It is announced by Ralph H. Calk, Portland, president of the league. He will serve with forty-three other savings and loan executives given the assignment of studying this year's housing problems and their relation to the thrift and home financing institutions.

## Nelson Told to Give Responsibility

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—The senate's Truman committee demanded today that WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson give top war program administrators a greater sense of responsibility for the entire program and at the same time enforce his final decisions "over the objections of aggressive department heads."

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# Klamath's Schools Enjoy Favorable Teacher Outlook

Klamath's city and county schools are enjoying a far more favorable outlook than many Oregon institutions with the teacher problem less acute here than in other sections of the state, according to Superintendents Fred Peterson and Arnold L. Gralapp.

Oregon's schools, which normally employ 7800 teachers, may be short as many as 1200 teachers during the school year beginning next fall, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Rex Putnam stated in Salem Thursday. Putnam said that in normal times, about 780 new teachers are hired each year, just to replace those who normally resign. But resignations now are more than double the usual number, making at least 1500 vacancies next year.

Putnam also said it would be impossible to operate all schools, and he recommended that some of the smaller schools consolidate with the larger ones. He added, however, that the principal ob-

stacle to consolidation is the shortage of school buses.

Superintendent Gralapp, reviewing the city school situation, said he felt he would be able to staff the schools by calling back old teachers and those on the substitute list. The larger centers, he observed, will suffer and especially where higher salary war jobs are offered.

The field dominated by men teachers, such as manual training, mechanical drawing and physical education, will be hard hit with war industry and service calls taking many from the picture.

As regards consolidation, the county school superintendent's office said that tentative plans call for some steps of this kind and that the possibility of bringing the sophomore, junior and senior classes of Keno high school into Klamath Union high school has been discussed.

Resignations in the county system have been above normal, it was observed.

# FOUNDRY OFFICIALS HELD SABOTEURS

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—Attorney General Biddle announced today that the National Bronze and Aluminum Foundry company and seven of its top officials had been indicted at Cleveland, Ohio, on charges of violating the sabotage law and conspiring to defraud the government.

Biddle said the charges were based upon allegations that the defendants had conspired with 21 company employees—named as co-conspirators—and with others to supply the Packard Motor Car company with defectively cast aluminum superchargers for Rolls Royce airplane engines being made for the government.

The indictment, in nine counts, charges that defective castings were "deliberately" welded and plugged in violation of specifications, the attorney general said, and these violations were concealed from Packard.

## LADYBUG "LORE"

The verse about the ladybug flying away home to save her children from burning originated in Europe. Children pleaded with the ladybugs to fly home and save their children, who could not fly, when hop-vines were burned after harvest.

# ELLEN O'KEEFE WINS STATE ESSAY AWARD

Word has been received here that Ellen O'Keefe, winner of the Americanism essay contest, sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary, unit No. 8, has also won the state award, according to Mrs. J. H. Hunter, Americanism chairman. The prize given by the state is a set of Encyclopedia Britannica. The essay is being sent now to compete for the national prize.

Ellen O'Keefe is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan O'Keefe,

335 Pacific Terrace, and an eighth grade student of Sacred Heart academy. The topic of the essay this year, was "Making America Strong."

# Man Returned From Bend To Face Money Charge

Monte Rogers, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, was brought here from Bend Thursday by Deputy Sheriff Dale Mattoon.

Rogers is accused of issuing a check on April 21 without having an account in the bank on which the check was written. He was arraigned and took time to decide whether to ask for a preliminary hearing.

# Davies to Go to Moscow At Once, Says Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—President Roosevelt said today that Joseph E. Davies would leave almost at once for Moscow to carry a personal letter from the president to Joseph Stalin.

The chief executive fended off all attempts to reporters at a press conference to gain information on the contents or on whether Davies would bring back a reply. He said Davies, former ambassador to Russia, does not know himself what is in the letter.

There have been conjectures

that the president might propose a meeting with the Russian leader similar to that he has held with Winston Churchill, British prime minister.

Mr. Roosevelt told the reporters, however, that their guesses always had been wrong in the past.

Davies will not be gone very long and will come right back, Mr. Roosevelt said. He said he assumed his personal envoy would learn the contents of the document in Moscow, discuss them, and then return.

# Seven Killed In Midnight Crash Of Army Bomber

SODA SPRINGS, Idaho, May 7 (AP)—Seven men of a crew of ten were killed in the midnight crash of a four-engine bomber from the army air base at Wendover, Utah, civilian officials said today.

Deputy Sheriff J. E. Williams said two of the three survivors were in a serious condition at the Soda Springs hospital.

The huge plane circled the town for approximately 30 minutes at a very low altitude, Williams said, then crashed into a high tension power line and plummeted to earth.

# Gen. Edwards Named European Theater Chief of Staff

LONDON, May 7 (AP)—The appointment of Maj. Gen. Idwal Hubert Edwards, 48, as acting chief of staff in the European theater of operations was announced today by the U. S. army.

The original announcement from headquarters said General Edwards had been made chief of staff, but this was amended a few hours later to include the "acting" in his official title.

He succeeds Brig. Gen. Charles H. Barth, 39, who was killed last Monday in a plane accident in Iceland that also took the lives of Lieut. Gen. Frank M. Andrews and 12 others.

# Orson Welles Out Of Army But Not Out Of War Effort

HOLLYWOOD, May 7 (AP)—To be out of the army, says Orson Welles, is not necessarily to be out of the war effort.

Rejected for military service following an army physical examination yesterday, the motion picture actor and director declared he'd lend his hand to the propaganda program.

"I did everything I possibly could to get into the army," Welles said.

An induction station official said "physical reasons" led to Welles' rejection. The actor later explained he suffers from a back ailment.



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