

National Auditions Slated At Academy

The National Guild of Piano Teachers will hold auditions at Sacred Heart academy from April 17 to April 20. Local chairman is Sister M. Faustina of the Sacred Heart school of music. Piano students from schools in this area will participate.

Over 25,000 pianists will play in these auditions from coast to coast simultaneously in about 300 centers. Each person is given a private, sympathetic hearing by a competent authority sent from another city. The ratings are individual, not competitive, based on 37 phases of piano technique and interpretation, agreed upon by 100 adjudicators. Guild standards are those of established music schools, with its syllabus based upon requirements of the National Association of Schools of Music, and ranging from elementary to artist grade. Guild auditions are a guide to those who expect to go on the concert stage, write serious or light music, play only for themselves, for church, radio, social affairs, or become teachers in public schools and colleges, actually, there is a suitable goal in the Guild for every person studying piano.

Thirty-five hundred dollars in cash prizes and a New York appearance are offered for those who reach advanced professional level. Certificates and rating sheets showing how to improve are given to everyone who passes the tests, and a pin signifying membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians becomes a possession of all successful enrollees. Scholarships leading to degrees are available to outstanding high school graduates. The president of the National Guild, Irl Allison, Mus. D., of Austin, Tex., founded the audition-movement in 1929 as the surest way of inducing intelligent progress. It is incorporated as a non-profit membership organization, and is open to any piano teacher in good standing. Winners of the cash prizes for 1947 were from coast to coast, and the winner of the New York appearance, Albert Gillespie, of Texas, was presented in Town Hall under the management of Debut and Encore Concerts, Inc., and there is already increased enrollment in this category for 1948. There are Guild centers from Portland, Me., to Portland, Ore., and from Hawaii to Cuba.

Congress Schedule Up To Stalin

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP)—Russian Premier Stalin will decide indirectly, whether congress can wind up its work on schedule in June.

Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) pointed out to newsmen Tuesday the possibility that only a lawmaking recess may be ordered for the Philadelphia political conventions. In that event congress would return in July for a session that might run through the rest of the year.

The decision—adjournment or recess—will depend, Martin said, on the international situation. He added:

"If the situation remains tense, then we cannot adjourn but will recess for the conventions, come back in July and stay around indefinitely, with a week or so off before the elections."

Barring some move by Russia, the present legislative program can be disposed of by convention time, he said.

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Rounds Slated At Kiwanis

Harold J. Rounds, western field secretary of the international board of YMCA world service, will speak before the Kiwanis club Thursday noon at the Willard hotel.

Rounds has had lengthy experience in YMCA work. He was in China from 1917 to 1927, studying the Chinese language in Peking for 18 months and then directing the boys work program of the Y in Changsha. During Rounds' 8-year period in Changsha, the association under his leadership furnished the organizational and laboratory equipment for Y. G. James Yen's first experiments in mass education. Yen has since that time developed the mass education movement on a nationwide scale and has had much success in China.

The secretary continued his work in Lodz, Poland. Because of his unusual experience in both the Orient and Europe through two decades, Rounds has a vivid understanding of problems of these peoples.

Wallace Denies Writing Article

ROME, April 7 (AP)—Henry A. Wallace has sent to Italy's foreign ministry a message denying authorship of an article front-paged by the communist organ Unita last

Speaker



Harold J. Rounds, western field secretary of the international YMCA board, will speak to members of Klamath Falls Kiwanis club here Thursday at noon.

Friday, it was announced Tuesday. The article, which carried Wallace's by-line, said "The American people condemn the intimidations of Truman."

It added that "the result of the Italian elections could—it is clear—be used as an excuse for the sending of troops to Italy and even to Yugoslavia, which, sooner or later, will irrevocably lead to war."

New Building Plan Studied

SALEM, April 7 (AP)—The state emergency board and the board of control will meet here at 2 p.m. Friday to decide whether to build a \$298,364 combination school building and dormitory at the state school for the deaf.

The board of control met today and approved the bid. It will recommend that the emergency board vote for it.

The board of control gave authority to the state highway commission to make a slight change in the highway over Mill creek near the state prison.

Other action of the board: Authorized Dr. Irvin Hill, superintendent of the state Fairview Home for Feeble-minded Persons, to attend the meeting in Boston May

Costa Rican Rebels Demand Surrender

PANAMA, Panama, April 7 (AP)—The Panama Star Herald said Tuesday Costa Rican rebels have asked the government to surrender unconditionally. The rebels warned they are ready to attack San Jose and Cartago at any moment, the paper said.

The Star Herald said the rebel radio issued a communique saying the insurgents do not want to enter into any kind of peace negotiations with the present government. They want only a surrender, with no conditions.

Revolution broke out in Costa Rica March 1 when congress annulled the presidential election of Otilio Ulate Blanco.

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Goes To School



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Wet Weather Delay To Spring Crops

CORVALLIS, April 7 (AP)—Wet weather is delaying spring farm work in Oregon, the Oregon State college extension service said today.

Over the country generally, rain, snow and wet soil are holding back the work, but crop prospects and irrigation supplies are increasing. The situation has improved considerably, especially in California, the service said.

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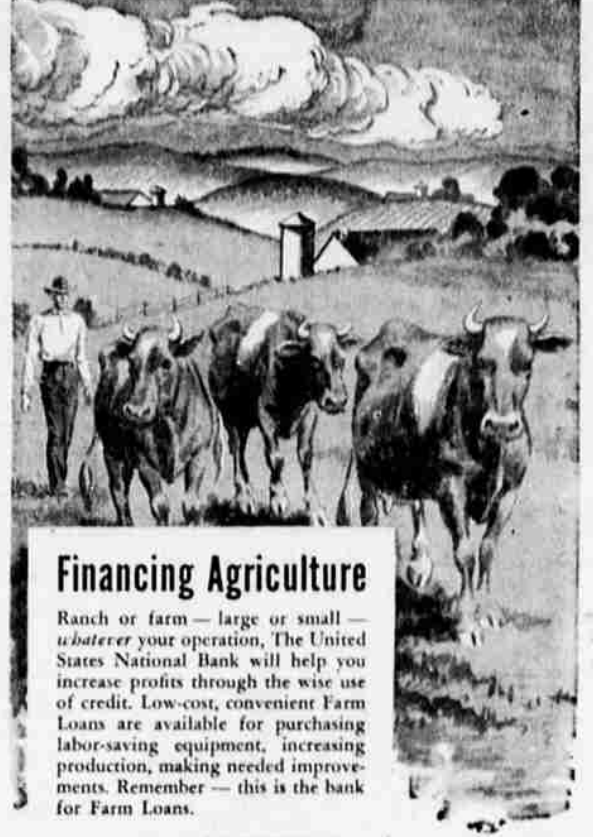
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