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OTI SWEETHEART BALL queen Pat Walker was crowned last night at the fourth annual sweetheart ball on the hill by Robert McEndre, president of Omega Epsilon Rho. Pat is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie E. Walker, 2245 Union Avenue, and is a student in business administration.

Portland Lumber Company Plans Alaskan Sawmill

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—Regional Forester A. W. Greeley said Saturday the Pacific Northern U.S. Forest Service to advertise a timber sale in Alaska's Tongass National Forest this spring. The timber would supply a proposed sawmill at Wrangell as well as a possible pulp mill in the Wrangell area.

Wool Growers Back Ike Plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Ray W. Willoughby of the National Wool Growers Assn. said Saturday that wool growers "will support and work for the passage of President Eisenhower's wool program in Congress." Willoughby, of San Angelo, Tex., summed up the program this way in a statement: "Growers will sell in the open market, but in lieu of a proper tariff level, the present wool tariff revenue will be used to provide the funds for a direct payment to the grower in the event average prices fall below a level which will provide an incentive for the American grower to provide the nation with wool as a recognized critical and essential material for the national security and welfare."

Boy Injured By Falling On Toy

PORTLAND (AP)—A 17-month-old child is recovering here after being injured in a strange accident at his grandmother's home Friday. Norman A. Thompson III fell off a chair and struck his head on a toy tractor. The metal axle of the toy pierced the boy's skull behind the left ear. The axle was removed at a hospital.

French Will Reject Rhee Offer Of Korean Troops

WASHINGTON (AP)—American diplomats were understood today to view South Korean President Syngman Rhee's threat to march against North Korea as a bluff—just what he said it wasn't intended to be. They also were known to hold out slight hope for his government's offer of troops for Indochina. A French Embassy spokesman said yesterday his government—which still has not received the offer officially—would reject the proffered South Korean division for fear its involvement in the ugly eight-year-old war might bring on open Red Chinese intervention in Indochina. The French commissioner general for Indochina said in Bangkok today that his country still is ready to negotiate a settlement with the insurgent Vietnam. Maurice Dejean, the commissioner, charged at a news conference that military help from China is prolonging the conflict. Dejean said France is trying to prevent "another Korea" and he voiced confidence that the Vietnam rebels would be repelled from the Laotian capital of Luang Prabang. Enemy elements, he said,

Plans For Asia Told

SEOUL (AP)—Informed sources in Korea, who have negotiated with the Communists, said today Russia stands a good chance to achieve one of its major objectives—exposing a split in Western policy towards Red China—if a major power conference on the Far East is held. The question of convening a Far Eastern conference is under discussion among the Big Four foreign ministers now meeting in Berlin. The news that Russia's V. M. Molotov will propose an assembly including representatives of Asian nations came as no surprise here.

French Air Hits Rebel Division

SAIGON, Indochina (AP)—For the fifth consecutive day, French fighters and bombers attacked concentrations Saturday of rebel division 308, which has been moving southward in the direction of Luang Prabang, the royal capital of Laos. The French planes found the Communist-led Vietminh troops in the valley of the Bac River, some 50 miles north of Luang Prabang. A communiqué announced "certain losses" had been inflicted on the enemy. Forward elements of the division do not seem to have advanced and apparently have not yet crossed the River Nga, 30 miles north of Luang Prabang. French forces on reconnaissance missions moved out from the heavily built fortress at Luang Prabang without making contact with Vietminh regional units, which are not part of the crack division 308. These regional units have been about 10 miles north and northeast of the capital for the past five days.

Oregon Harbor Work Eyed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Three Oregon harbor and navigation projects will be the subject of congressional hearings scheduled for March 4, Rep. Homer Angell (R-Ore.) reported Friday. The projects: Deepen and widen the Columbia River channel mouth; improve harbor facilities at Gold Beach; and improve the Schofield River channel at Reedsport. Angell, chairman of the House rivers and harbors subcommittee, said sponsors hope to have the projects included in the omnibus authorization bill which will be presented to Congress later this session. The Columbia River project would cost an estimated \$5,598,000—\$2,898,000 for dredging the channel to a depth of 48 feet and to a width of half a mile, and \$2,700,000 for construction of a jetty at the river's mouth. The Gold Beach project at the mouth of the Rogue River would cost \$5,758,000 with local interests contributing \$163,000. It calls for construction of twin jetties, widening the channel to 300 feet and deepening it to 13 feet from the mouth to the coast bridge. A turning basin also is in the plans. The Schofield River project calls for dredging a channel 12 feet deep and 100 feet wide for two miles upstream from where the Schofield and Umpqua Rivers flow together. It would cost the federal government an estimated \$41,000, plus \$10,000 contributed locally.

Six Month Coma Ended

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP)—Bonnie Peterson, 17, who had been in a coma for six months, talked with her parents Saturday for the first time since she was injured in an automobile accident last August. Police Chief Ross Peterson of Mabton, Wash., and Mrs. Peterson said their daughter's awakening was "like bringing her back from the dead." Friday a nurse was massaging Bonnie's arm when the girl said "ouch." Startled, the nurse asked her what she said and Bonnie repeated "Ouch!" She had spent months in hospitals in Seattle and Yakima. Only Tuesday the Petersons took their daughter to a home here. Peterson said hundreds of people, hearing of the case, had contributed toward payment of medical expenses which have reached \$20,000. Bonnie talked with her parents and sat up in a daze Saturday to watch television. When asked if she was tired and wanted to return to bed she had a ready and emphatic answer. "No!"

Pope To Speak Says Vatican

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Convalescing Pope Pius XII will speak by radio Sunday to the world's sick. The announcement was the firmest sign that the 77-year-old head of the Roman Catholic Church definitely is recovering. A gastric ailment has confined him to his apartment since Jan. 25. The pontiff's address will be broadcast by the Vatican Radio, beginning at 7:15 p. m. (10:15 a. m. PST) on medium wavelength 196 meters and short waves 49.75, 41.21, 31.10, 27.87 meters. L'Osservatore Romano said the Pope would speak the first words of the 10-minute address and that it would then be completed by a Vatican radio speaker. His address will be in conjunction with the Marian Year observance. Commemorating the centenary of the dogma of the Virgin Mary's immaculate conception. It began on Dec. 8 last year and continues until Dec. 8, 1954. A day of prayer for the sick is one of the major events of the observance. Sunday, Catholics throughout the world will offer their prayers. Sick Catholics, on their part, will offer prayers for the Pope, the church, and for world peace. The Pope will speak from his Vatican apartment, possibly from his bed. He has left it for a few hours daily in the past four days, but still is too weak to stay on his feet all day.

Chicago Drives On Mad Dogs

CHICAGO (AP)—A team of 40 veterinarians, supplied with enough anti-rabies serum to inoculate 35,000 dogs, went into action Saturday in the latest move to quell the city's "mad-dog" scare. Both the vaccine and 25,000 certificates (arrived in the city Friday). The veterinarians operated from nine public health centers in the South Side, where the rabies outbreak has centered. A police squad circulated through the area, telling dog owners to bring their pets to one of the centers for free inoculation or face prosecution. Meanwhile, with many of the stray dogs rounded up, health officials reported the number of dog bite victims has subsided since last week when bite reports exceeded 70 a day.

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W. L. JURGENSEN of Jurgensen's Groceria on Oregon Avenue, and Helen Potet were giving this stalk of celery some close inspection when the nine o'clock photographer happened by this morning.

KPCA Plans Anniversary

In rounding out 30 years of service to farmers and stockmen, the Klamath Production Credit Association will celebrate its twentieth anniversary Saturday, February 20. Ernest E. Henry, president of the Production Credit Corporation, Spokane, was selected to speak at the 20th anniversary directors' meeting to be held at the Armory. Following registration at 10 a. m. and a smorgasbord lunch at 11:45, members will honor four men who have served as directors since the association was formed in 1933. As an incentive to make this the biggest "Farmers Day" in the history of the association, invitations and free parking stickers have been mailed out to all members and guests, a crowd of over 500 is expected to attend. Following the luncheon a short business meeting will be held; included will be a report by Secretary-Treasurer Lee S. McMullen and the board directors. Two directors will be elected to fill the expired terms of Ed Geary and Lee Holliday.

Controversial Improvement Fund Listed On City Books

Account 307, still open of the city of Klamath Falls ledger, has a fund history dating from July, 1949, through March, 1953. Duplicate receipts, on record at the city hall, show entries in varying amounts to the Klamath improvement fund, which add up to \$52,582.50 over the period in which the fund was active. Last March, following letters from the district attorney's office to alleged bawdy-house operators, all remaining money in the fund was transferred out, leaving the fund defunct. Receipts to the Klamath improvement fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, show a total of \$20,145 contributions in the 1950 audit. Of this, \$19,368 was transferred out, leaving a balance of \$777. The amount transferred to the general fund went for the following items: Armory fund, \$1500; Rest Room (Community Lounge), \$2000; garage, \$5000; band (city), \$6000; doors, \$750; audit, \$1000; other contingencies (mostly raises) \$3118. The June 30, 1951, audit shows revenues in the amount of \$19,902.50, which, with the 1950 balance of \$777 made \$20,679.50. The entire amount was transferred to the general fund; \$4000 was given for replating and is still in that fund; \$16,679.50 went for construction of the city jail. Donations in 1953 totaled only \$2400, all of which was transferred to the general fund and subsequently added to the replating fund. The June 30, 1953, audit shows donations to the amount of \$10,135, all of which was transferred to the general fund and then to the swimming pool fund. Contributions to the fund were not carried under personal names, but merely as "contributions or donations to the Klamath Improvement Fund." The accountings are a matter of public record and are available to the public.

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Cordon Speaks In Portland

PORTLAND (AP)—Sen. Guy Cordon told about 1,000 persons at a Lincoln Day dinner here Friday night that because of President Eisenhower's popularity, Republican officeholders are on something of a spot. "The Democrats will not dare criticize the President because of his popularity," he said, "but there will be continued sniping at officeholders at the cabinet level, at Republicans in both houses of Congress, and at Republican officeholders in every state, and to a very great extent, the truth will not be in it." In a tribute to Lincoln, the senator spoke of the "zeal, clarity, humility and rectitude" of the Republican Party's first president. He compared problems of the American Revolution and the Civil War with the situation facing the present administration. "The situation in the world at this moment is more critical, more ominous and of a complexity far greater than in the days of Washington and Lincoln," Cordon said. "In those days they knew who their opponents were, and where they were. Today we do not always have that knowledge." Cordon again denied rumors that he planned to resign if re-elected. The Coos Bay Times said in a story Thursday there had been reports that Cordon would quit and that Gov. Paul L. Patterson would appoint former State Senate President William Walsh to succeed him. Patterson also denied he was a party to such a deal, saying: "He (Cordon) would not stoop, nor would I, to any proposition such as mentioned in the press in the last few hours."

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Soviet Army In Satelites Big Problem

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
BERLIN (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles declared Saturday Russia refuses to get out of Austria because it would mean withdrawing her troops from Hungary and Romania. He implied that he thought Moscow had reason to fear the consequences of such a move. Dulles ripped into Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov for his proposal to grant Austria independence only with a proviso that Soviet and other occupation troops remain in Austria until Germany is unified, which now appears in the far distant future. The secretary took up the cudgels for Austria after Vienna's Foreign Minister Leopold Figl, appearing before the Berlin Big Four conference, formally rejected the Soviet plan. To accept Russia's idea, Dulles said, would be to expose the United States before the world as "morally and politically bankrupt."

Figl led off Saturday's session of the Big Four on Austria with his rejection of the Moscow plan. He told Molotov, Dulles and Foreign Ministers Anthony Eden and Georges Bidault that it was impossible for the Austrian government to accept the Molotov proposal. He asked which of the Big Four would be willing to present such a proposition regarding his own country to his own parliament. The Western foreign ministers already have written off hope of concluding an Austrian state treaty at this conference, although the debate on it will run into an extraordinary Sunday session. Some Western diplomats said they expected another secret meeting on the Far Eastern situation to be held Monday and it may be that the ministers will have another go round on the problems of Germany and European security. Western delegations now are pressing for conclusion of the work here late next week. Dulles, backing up the Austrian, ripped into Russia's program with the charge that it contained "poisonous proposals" for an "Austria without freedom." He expressed "earnest hope" that Molotov would withdraw his demands so that a treaty may be concluded immediately.

Building Down In January

WASHINGTON (AP)—New homebuilding activity declined 3 per cent from December to January, mainly because of extremely cold weather, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Saturday. With 68,000 new units started in January, however, the bureau reported that residential construction of 1,300 new units last month, the same number as were started in December, but only one-third as many as in January a year ago.

DEATH

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany (AP)—Capt. Carl W. Johnson, 32, of San Diego, Calif., was killed Friday by explosion of a rocket he was inspecting, a U.S. Army announcement said Saturday.



SPEBSQSA MEMBERS INDULGE in a little harmless harmony following a kick-off breakfast to plan for the Seventh Annual Barbershop Parade of Quartettes, scheduled this year for April 10 at the Pelican Theater. Seated, left to right, are Louis Stewart, Afterglow Committee chairman; John Houston, show director; Vernon Durant, president of the local Society for the Preservation and Enjoyment of Barbershop Quartette Singing in America; Benny Loftsgaard, chorus director for the '54 show and northwest district vice-president of SPEBSQSA. Standing, left to right, are Charles Bane, immediate past president and ticket committee chairman; Sam Thompson, publicity chairman; Dr. E. M. Marsha, advertising and program chairman; Earl Hamaker, breakfast committee chairman; Louis (Hub) Stone, secretary of the local chapter and secretary of the northwest district.