



ONE OF THIS GROUP will be Queen of the 1955 Modoc County Fair, two will comprise the queen's court and the remaining two will have had the fun of competing for the title. Contestants are, from left: Betty Jean Young, 22, sponsored by the Cedarville Fire Department; Janice Marie McGarva, 18,

sponsored by the Alturas 20-30 Club; Jacqueline Haise, 16, sponsored by VFW Post 3327, Alturas; Audrey Maxine Smith, 17, sponsored by the Alturas Roundup Association; and Gail Janet Lederer, 17, sponsored by the Modoc County Sheriff's Posse. —Photos by Chas. E. Goulden

Highway Mail Service Planned

PORTLAND (AP) — Mail truck and highway post office service between here and Southern Oregon is scheduled to start Sunday. Wilbert Adams, acting assistant to the district superintendent of the Post Office Department here, said the service will be faster than that now provided by the Rogue River train. The Southern Pacific will operate the truck mail run under contract with the government.

Gas Company Plans Made

SEATTLE (AP) — The Cascade Natural Gas Corp. will start a 10-to-12 million dollar construction program involving 23 Pacific Northwest cities about Oct. 1, president Stewart Matthews said Wednesday. The program will extend to 19 communities in Washington, and to others in Oregon and Idaho and will be completed in about nine months, Matthews said. The program is scheduled to have the company's network of gas mains available for service when natural

gas reaches the Northwest from the Southwest next year. Matthews said a five-month project in the Walla Walla-Kennewick, Wash.-Pendleton, Ore. area will be the first undertaken. The company will call for bids later this week. The second project will be a six-month program in Yakima and Yakima Valley communities, followed by a four-month program for Western Washington and a three-month program for Wenatchee and other Eastern Washington communities.

Airmen Sing New Tipperary Lyrics

HONG KONG (AP) — The 11 airmen released from Red Chinese captivity had a song ready for their freedom. One lyric, to the tune of "Tipperary": "It's a long way to Usajima (GI slang for United States). It's a long way to go... It's a long way to Usajima, the sweetest land I know. To hell with People's China... It's a long way to Usajima, the land of the Golden Gate. It's a long way, where I've got a date."

Norman Thomas Criticizes Army Disloyalty Labeling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Norman Thomas charged today that the Army's security program has "wrecked the lives of many young men and made it impossible for them to get jobs after being discharged." The Socialist party chief, often a presidential candidate, joined in accusing the Army of "assuming the role of censor over all the nation's young men from approximately the age of 15 to 30." He said a report on more than 100 cases affected by the security program would be handed to Asst. Army Secretary Hugh H. Milton II late this morning. The report was prepared by Rowland Watts, Baltimore and New York attorney and national secretary of the Workers Defense League. Thomas is a director of the league, which describes itself as an anti-Communist organization interested in the defense of civil liberties. The two men were joined in the presentation by Kenneth M. Birkhead, national executive director of the American Veterans Committee. Watts said the report was based on interviews with lawyers and their clients from coast to coast. An Army allegation in one case, described as "still pending," was that the draftee had a father "who is reported to have said that if communism offered anything good he would accept it."

Watts argued in his report that the cases he cited showed the Army is "assuming the role of censor over all the nation's young men from approximately the age of 15 to 30 by making pre-induction activities a major consideration in determining the character of the discharge which each shall have." He noted that the control extends into the six-year reserve period following active service. "A man has the right to a discharge based upon the kind of service he gave the Army. If the service was honorable, so should be the discharge," Watts said. He concluded that the entire military security program, as it stands, should be scrapped and the Army made to "administer its own discipline within the framework of its constitutional and statutory powers."

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