



JOHN SCHICKLING

### Local Concert Group Meets

Members of the Klamath Community Concert Association Tuesday evening were briefed on the various concert artists available for the 1958-59 season by John Schickling, representative of the national organization.

Schickling outlined plans for next year's programs after the local group unanimously reelected Andrew Loney Jr. as president of the Klamath association.

Other officers named at the meeting were: Ross Ragland, first vice president; Mrs. Frederick Ehlers, second vice president; Mrs. Lyle Kellstrom and Ragland, membership co-chairmen; Mrs. James Thornton, secretary; Jack Hopkins, treasurer; Paul O'Connor, publicity chairman; Dr. Frank Johnson, appointment chairman; Louis Mann, concert chairman and Mrs. F. Cecil Adams, social director.

Under the guidance of Schickling and Loney, the concert board made preliminary plans for the annual membership drive which will be kicked off in early spring.

The board will meet again in the near future to select top entertainers in the concert field to headline the 1958-59 program series.

Locally the concert association, since its inception, has provided the Klamath Basin with renowned artists and musical groups.

This year's series will close with a performance on Wednesday, March 5, by the DePaur Opera Gala. The concerts are held in the Pelican Theater, and admission is by membership ticket only.

### Council Eyes Special Tax

DUNSMUIR — The Dunsuir City Council asked City Attorney Louis Lorenzen to check with the fire and street department heads to see what equipment is needed by both departments with the possibility of placing a special tax assessment request before the voters in the city election on April 18.

The old fire truck is 33 years old, according to Fire Chief Jim Lambert, and a new rig would probably bring an improved fire rating for the city. He also stated that the fire rates in north Dunsuir had dropped considerably since the area was incorporated.

A majority of two-thirds of the voters will be required to pass the measures.

The council authorized the placing of warning signs against vandalism in the city park and the ball park after G. L. Patterson, recreation commission member, called attention to the damage done by vandals in the two areas.

It also approved the request of Police Chief Lee Clark to post North First Street for a 20 mile speed limit. The council also authorized Clark's attendance at a meeting of sheriffs and police chiefs in Fresno January 31 to discuss possible legislative proposals.

The meeting was presided over by E. A. Christensen, vice mayor, in the absence of Mayor J. Morgan Jones, who is attending a motel convention in Florida.

### Parents Lose Race With Stork

FREEMONT, Ill. (AP)—Mrs. Walter Smith gave birth to twin sons yesterday — on her way to a hospital.

She and her husband left their farm home at Egan by car for the 20-mile drive to Freemont.

A 6-pound 10-ounce son was born during the road trip. The second twin, 5 pounds 15 ounces, was born unattended at the hospital entrance.

Attendants then hustled the mother and her babies inside and they were reported in excellent condition.

## Syrian-Egyptian Union Promises New Turmoil

By WILLIAM L. RYAN AP Foreign News Analyst

Syria's desperate-looking pursuit of union with Egypt promises new turmoil in the Middle East, but for the two countries it may also be a measure of mutual self-protection.

The development is puzzling in many ways. There is much justification for speculation that the extremists of Syria hope and intend to rekindle the flames of pan-Arab nationalism in Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon.

The same consideration could be behind the apparent acceptance of the idea by Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser. But there seems to be more to the picture than just that.

In reports from Damascus and Cairo, sketchy as they have been on the detailed plans for this union, there are many overtones of worry.

Union of Syria and Egypt, apart from its aim of electrifying the Arab East's nationalists and bringing heavier pressures against other Arab governments, also implies a measure of insurance both for Egypt and Syria against growing Communist influence in those areas.

By joining with Egypt, the Syrian regime indicates it is willing to abolish all its political parties.

### Morgan Quits Bus Fare Row

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon public utilities commissioner, Howard Morgan, Wednesday stepped nearly out of Portland's mass transportation squabble, apparently leaving the way open for a fare increase here and continued service.

Rose City Transit Co., which operates Portland's mass transportation system, had said it would pull its buses off the streets Feb. 27 unless the City Council here granted a 15-cent fare increase.

That would make the cost of an adult ride 25 cents.

After Morgan stepped out of the picture, it appeared that the council's lone dissenting vote to the fare increase would go along with the majority and give Rose City what it wanted.

Earlier, that dissenting vote had blocked passage of an emergency fare measure. Such a measure must be passed unanimously.

Morgan made his decision to step out of the transit picture here—at least temporarily—after Rose City put its trolley buses in the car barns Wednesday in an attempt to get away from Morgan's jurisdiction. Earlier Morgan had blocked a fare increase, citing his authority over trolley systems.

After the trolleys stopped Wednesday Portland's city attorney offered the opinion that Morgan no longer had any authority over the transit firm because it was operating only buses powered by gasoline.

Morgan said he was withdrawing an earlier opinion that he had to approve any bus fare increases "in view of the fantastic action taken by the company in destroying its trolley bus system."

In addition, Morgan said he was acceding to "obvious desires of the City Council." These desires, he said, were even more fantastic in view of the council "approving such destruction."

Morgan said he was not abandoning jurisdiction over his claim to jurisdiction over the transit system here. He said the law clearly defines that street transportation in cities of more than 50,000 persons as a utility subject to his office's regulation.

### TOO MANY WINNERS

CAMBRIDGE, England (AP)—Too many people — more than 3,400 — hit the jackpot in a local football pool, and wound up today collecting winnings of about four cents each.

and join Cairo in a monolithic "national union" which will govern the united countries. This would mean the Communists in Syria would have to forego their open political activity.

The Communists are outlawed in both Syria and Egypt, despite the involvement of the two regimes militarily and economically with the Communist bloc. In Egypt, Nasser has been fairly successful in keeping his home-grown Communists in jail or underground. In Syria, however, the Reds have been operating openly under the sham of cooperation with a "national front."

The Middle East Communist leader Khaled Bagdash is a member of the Syrian Parliament, and his influence has been growing through reflected glory from the economic-military deals with Moscow.

Col. Abdul Hamid Serraj, the behind-the-scenes leader of the Syrian regime, is regarded by competent observers as being anti-Communist as he is anti-Western. Both Serraj and Nasser may be deeply worried about the extent of rising Communist influence in the Middle East. The union proposition could offer one means of stemming at least the open Communist activity. Bagdash would be obliged to operate underground.

The Syrian government's policies, like those of the Egyptian regime in many cases, have been pro-Soviet (as distinguished from pro-Communist) because of the successful quests for arms in Moscow. Both Egypt and Syria claim to be following a policy of "positive neutrality." Both regimes have indicated confidence they can deal with the Russians without inviting Communist domination.

The sudden urgency behind the move to unite, however, suggests the Syrians at least see a number of opportunities.

The Syrian regime, run by a clique of military and extreme Arab nationalist leaders, long has sought some sort of federal union with Egypt. But the Syrian suit has moved beyond that now, and the regime seems anxious to surrender the country's sovereignty completely, submerging it to the domination of Nasser and the Egyptians.

This is a strange courtship. On the surface, Syria would appear to have the most to lose and Egypt the most to gain by the arrangement. But it has been Nasser who has been dragging his feet, and the Syrian rulers who have been urgently pressing.

Announcement of impending union came just in advance of the Baghdad Pact meeting in Ankara, and apparently was hastily made to take some of the headlines away from that pro-Western gathering.

The announcement could bring severe nationalist pressure against the Iraqi and Jordanian regimes and even upon the government of Lebanon.

News and violent crises in Iraq and Jordan would be no surprise now.



A SLOGAN CONTEST sponsored by the members of the Retired Teachers Club for students in Klamath County schools as part of the chamber of commerce Fix-Up Clean-Up Committee campaign for a cleaner Klamath Falls, has been announced. Left is Mrs. Stella Bowne who has taught in Klamath County for many years and is now retired. Right is Mrs. Lorena Ward who taught in California and last year was a teacher at Fort Rock.

### Road Board Hearings Set

ROSEBURG (AP)—The state Legislative Highway Interim Committee, headed by Rep. Al Flegel of Roseburg, will travel 2,128 miles in two trips to hear citizens in 20 Oregon cities in March and April.

Flegel said Tuesday 11 points will be visited in Western Oregon March 17-21 and 9 cities in Eastern Oregon April 7-11.

The tentative Western Oregon schedule:

March 17: Albany 9 a. m., Springfield 12:15 p. m.

March 18: Roseburg 8:30 a. m., Grants Pass 12:15 p. m.

March 19: Gold Beach 8:30 a. m., Coquille 12:15 p. m., Reedsport 7 p. m.

March 20: Tillamook, noon.

March 21: Astoria 8:15 a. m., Portland 3 p. m., Milwaukie 7 p. m.

The tentative Eastern Oregon schedule:

April 7: Klamath Falls 12:15 p. m., Lakeview 7 p. m.

April 8: Burns 11:30 a. m., Ontario 7:30 p. m.

April 9: Baker 9:15 a. m., Pendleton 3:15 p. m.

April 10: Fossil 11:30 a. m., Prineville 7:30 p. m.

### FACTORY CHESS GAME

Vienna (UP)—The Czech Communist Party organ Rude Pravo reported today that many workers at the Pilsen locomotive factory play chess on the job instead of working. Noting that production at the plant sank 19 per cent last year and that foreign customers were getting impatient for long delayed orders, the paper said "employees at the Lenin works in Pilsen sometimes play chess for many hours when they should be at work."

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### KF Clean Up Contest Set

A lucky boy or girl will receive a radio for his slogan in the contest sponsored by the Fix-Up Clean-Up Committee of the chamber of commerce, Lorena Ward, chairman, said today. The contest is aimed at educating parents of students in county schools to the necessity of keeping the area clean and free of litter and debris.

Mrs. Ward said two radios and two pens for second prize have been donated by the Town and Country Merchants Association for the contest that begins February 3 and ends February 15.

One radio will be given the youngster who has the best slogan in the seventh and eighth grade and the second radio will be given to a fifth or a sixth grade student. Mrs. Ward emphasized that the contest is open only to county school students.

The program will be sponsored by the retired teachers and they will begin judging of entries when the contest ends, with the judging

to be completed by February 22. Mrs. James Barnes of the Toastmistress Club will conduct the publicity campaign for radio, television and service organizations. There will be no hard and fast rules for the slogan contest, but the committee suggests that grade school children's slogans be kept short and "punchy."

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