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Senator Lunn, Mayor McKee Of
Auburn, Seattle Speakers
Slated To Talk

ARAI, A. HOLDEN TO ATTEND

THOMAS, Wash. — Preparations are now under way to launch the Valley Civic League when this citizens organization for Americans of Japanese ancestry holds forth in its inaugural banquet at the Auburn Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, October 4, from 6:30 p. m.

More than 100 names have already been affixed to the roster of this League which was organized by the representatives from various sections two weeks ago. The coming affair is to launch the citizens' movement in the valley district, and in order to help stimulate the proper interest in the organization, Senator Lunn from this district to the state legislature is to be requested to participate at the banquet as the principal speaker.

Mayor McKee of Auburn will, undoubtedly, make the welcome address and administer the oath of allegiance and pledge to the League for the organization.

League Strong

This new citizens league is well founded and its membership is drawn chiefly from Thomas, Auburn, Kent, O'Brien, Orillia and Algona. Other eligible members are beginning to come to the call of the League and in time it is expected to be one of the largest organizations of its kind in the Northwest.

Two weeks ago the League started out with its 15 charter members, but within a week more than 60 members had joined the new chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens League which recently held its convention in a highly successful manner in Seattle.

The banquet to be held next Saturday is to be a big affair and besides calling the mayor of Auburn to make the opening and welcome address and Sen. Lunn to give the principal address of the evening, Clarence T. Arai, president of the Seattle Citizens League, and Ashley E. Holden are also to be on the speakers list.

Japanese Speaker

One Japanese speaker, who is to be selected from among the prominent residents of the valley district, is also to be called on to address the banquet. As plans are at present an impressive ceremony is booked for the members when they take their oath of allegiance and pledge their loyalty to the League.

Various Seattle people are to be invited to this gathering, and among them are to be the officers of the Seattle Progressive Citizens League. The others will be prominent Seattle newspaper publishers, organization heads, pioneers and business men.

Tomeu Takayoshi, prominent Northwest second generation vocalist, is also to be on the bill, and he will be supported by some local talent.

The banquet will probably be opened by the program chairman Terada, and after the opening numbers the meeting is to be turned over to John Arima, president of the League. The other officers of the organization are: George Yasumura, secretary, and Fred Okimoto, treasurer. Vice-presidents who were elected after the first meeting are as follows: Mary Maeda of Kent, first vice-president, and Fumi Yamana, Christopher, second vice-president.