SCHOOL SUPTS. OF STATE OPPOSE CUT IN MILLAGE TAX

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 3.—County school superintendents of Oregon, at the business session yesterday that concluded their annual meeting to grade examination papers, went on record as opposed to any reduction in the 2-mill elementary school tax "until some other definite and permanent income for school support shall be provided to take its place."

Reduction of the tax by half is advocated by the state property tax relief commission.

The superintendents join with the Oregon State Teachers' association in recommending an additional field assistant for the state department of education "because of the rapid growth of the school system in Oregon."

A change in the manner of giving eighth grade examinations was favored whereby the examinations would be given in zones in the various counties, the tests in each zone to be conducted by a person named by the county superintendent.

A raising of the standard of qualifications for persons holding the office of county superintendent was favored.

The program of the state department of education for 1929 was endorsed. In part it folows:

Enlargement of units of school administration wherever practical by vote of the people.

Reorganization of the daily program of the one- and two-room rural school so as to provide for an individualized type of instruction.

The development of standards and a program of studies adapted to the requirements of the small rural high school.

Fred Peterson, of Klamath county, was elected president of the state association of superintendents, succeeding the late W. C. Alderson. Mrs. Martha Mulkey, Coos county superintendent, was retained as secretary.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

ROAD WORK EXPLAINED

Editor News-Review:

There is being circulated in road district No. 61 a very unjust criticism of County Judge Quine, Roadmaster Frear and the road patrolman acting in the absence of the regular patrolman, Arthur Alexander.

There appeared in an October issue of the News-Review a lengthy article, signed by S. A. Roser, which was very unjust and based on criticism only.

At this time we are forced to take our stand and file the following answer:

Mr. Roser says there has been no culvert repair or side ditch work by his place for 15 years and that money has been wasted.

I, personally, have worked the roads since 1912, except in 1916 and 1927, and graded by his place several times, put in a corrugated culvert near his place in 1918. We would have put a ditch in front of his place, but Mr. Roser was very abusive and threatened to sue the county if the ditch was dug. Mr. R. A. Kent and I were doing the work and we used the tractor and grader several times in front of his place to please him.

The briers and Scotch broom are very thick beside the road and need cleaning away. The road also needs widening and regraveling from the highway to the district line near the McKay place. Extra dirt should be hauled for several fills, particularly where the road joins the highway. This, according to my estimate, would cost $1,200.

Everyone seems more than anxious to sign every new road petition with instructions to build at once, but fight every tax necessary to carry out their petitions, then criticize the county court for failure to do the work as ordered.

I am sure there are a few days left for a real man who can please all to come forth for this job. I will be very glad to introduce such a person to the county court and roadmaster and work for an appointment and afford an opportunity for honest and efficient work.

During the months of October and November, 1,896 yards of gravel were placed on the road by private trucks at a cost of $876.24. Trucks were hired at $12 per day and laborers at $3 per day. The lowest cost of gravel per yard was 31 cents and the highest 91 cents, and the average was 46 cents. I challenge anyone to do better. Screened gravel hauled by county dump trucks cost as high as $1.50 per yard.

G. T. ROYER.

FAMED COMPOSER OKEHS OUR JAZZ

By NEA Service

LONDON.—There must be something about this jazz music of ours after all. At least, it has received the official approval of Maurice Ravel, famous French composer, after many other noted musicians had kicked it all around the lot.

Says Ravel: "People take jazz too lightly. They seem to think it is cheap, vulgar, momentary. In my opinion it is bound to lead to a national music in the United States.

"I could sit down and play some French music written about 1849 that everybody would take for jazz, so characteristic is it, so syncopated in rhythm, and yet it retains a French flavor. What is more, it is considered a classical music. I take jazz seriously. It is influencing my work."

TRAINED WOLVES

COBALT, Ont.—Two wolves, trained in Hollywood and imported by Burden Pictures for star roles in a movie being filmed at the mouth of the Kipawa river, are victims to an overwhelmig desire for chicken meat and a farmer's shotgun. The animals left their cages at Ville Marie, headed for a nearby chicken yard and were brought to earth by the alert farmer shortly after the raid.

GORDON NORTHCOTT AND MOTHER TO BE TRIED TOGETHER

Defense Attorney Succeeds in Obtaining Probe on Sanity—Clashes With Court.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

COURTROOM, Riverside, Cal., Jan. 3.—An effort to obtain testimony of Mrs. Sarah Louisa Northcott, mother of Gordon Stewart Northcott, was made today by Norbert Savay, young Northcott's counsel.

In an affidavit presented in court in behalf of a motion that Mrs. Northcott be returned immediately from San Quentin prison, Savay deposed that he believed Mrs. Norteott to be in possession of information exonerating her son of the murders of Lewie and Nelson Winslow of Pomona. The mother is able to testify, Savay asserted, as to the whereabouts of her son on the night of February 1 and 2, 1928, when the crimes are alleged to have been committed, and could show that Gordon Stewart did not commit them.

A motion of Savay for separate trials for Gordon Northcott in the "headless Mexican" murder and the Winslow brothers slaying was denied by Judge George R. Freeman today.

Savay argued that the charges were not similar and that the alleged murders had been committed three months apart. Prosecution counsel argued, however, that no objection to the grouping of the charges had been made at the time of arraignment.

Brain Probe Granted

The defense counsel earlier had succeeded in obtaining recognition of an insanity angle in the case when he was granted a motion for a commission of experts to examine both Northcott and his mother and such physical evidence as may be presented.

With the jury awaiting to be selected Savay, as the court recessed, intimated further proceedings for delay in an announcement that he would challenge the entire panel.

Savay was threatened with contempt of court by Judge Freeman this morning in a clash ever court proceedings.

Savay objected to removal of the jury from the room when he read an affidavit regarding his client's sanity.

Mother Begs Guilty Plea

Sheriff Clem Sweeters revealed today on his return from San Quentin prison that Mrs. Northcott pleaded with him repeatedly to intercede with her son, Gordon, and beg him to plead guilty to the murder of four boys on the Wineville, Cal., chicken ranch and "take him medicine."

Sheriff Sweeters said Mrs. Northcott expressed conviction that Gordon would be hanged if he went to trial on the "not guilty" plea which he entered last month.

"He deserves his punishment," Sweeters quoted the 61-year-old woman, as saying, "but if they hang him I will not be able to live."

BORN

Clemens—To Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Clemens of Edenbower, at their home December 30, 1928, a son.

MOTION PICTURE FILMS ON SCOUT CAMP TO BE SHOWN

Tonight at seven-thirty at the Junior high school auditorium the movie pictures of last summer's Boy Scout camps will be shown. There will be no admission charged and the meeting will be open to the general public. Besides the pictures, a demonstration will be made showing the requirements to be met in the first aid problems to be used in the contest covering the next six weeks' time.

The pictures are all action and of interest to old and young alike. No parent should miss seeing these. There is plenty of room in the auditorium and seating space for all. It is expected that a good crowd will attend.

The first aid work will not be without interest. Of the ten problems to be worked out tonight here are two: 1. Down along the freight yard you find a man who has, just a few minutes before, had his right foot cut off by car wheels. He is very pale and semi-conscious. Doctor at his office one mile away. Time for problem, two minutes. 2. During a rough and tumble football game (without proper uniforms) a boy is knocked down. He attempts to use his left arm to raise himself but cannot. All the pain, which is intense, is in the shoulder. Treat and prepare for thirty minutes' drive to the doctor. Time for problem, four minutes.

Besides enjoying the pictures and observing the first aid work, each scout present will receive a beautiful Boy Scout calendar. Mr. Unrath, familiarly known as "Ernest" and proprietor of the Roseburg Dairy and Soda Works has gone to considerable expense to oblige the scouts and to further the scout program. The picture on the calendar is entitled the "Spirit of America" and was painted by Norman Rockwell who was a scout himself. He knows boys, loves and understands them. As our foremost modern American illustrator he has lent his ability to the cause. With the faces of Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Daniel Boone, the American Indian, Theodore Roosevelt, Colonel Lindbergh and a boy scout, surrounded with illustrations of the different American periods, all standing out with glowing human interest, the picture is one that every one wants at first sight. There is also a blank provided on the back pages of the calendar for the scout record of each boy.

DOUBLE KNOCKOUT IS CLIMAX OF PUG FEUD

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 3.—Billy Long, of Philadelphia, and Al Trout, Cleveland, negro middleweights, agreed to a finish fight here last night—and it was that. They simultaneously delivered a knockout blow to each other in the nineteenth round.

Lashing out at the same time, Long caught a haymaker on the chin and Trout took one in the mid-section and the referee counted ten and could have toiled many more before they were up again. They had met several times previously and fought to six draws.

Gone to Myrtle Point—

Mrs. N. W. Perkins of Pitzer street has gone to Myrtle Point.

ODEN FUNERAL TODAY

The funeral of the late C. V. Oden was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Roseburg Undertaking chapel, which was crowded to capacity by the sorrowing friends and relatives. There were many beautiful floral tributes. Interment took place at the Oak Creek cemetery.

LOGGER INJURED

The ambulance of the Roseburg Undertaking company was called to Glendale this afternoon by Dr. Fawcett, who reported that a logger employed near that place had received a badly broken and crushed leg in an accident. The name of the injured man was not learned.

BETTER FOOD AND DRY LAW IMPROVES U. S. SOLDIERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Napoleon's famous saying that an army "marches on its stomach" is borne out to some extent by observations of army officials on the morale of the American enlisted man after more than a year's trial of the new ration purchased at a cost of 50 cents a day for each man.

Testifying before a house subcommittee on the army appropriation bill, Major General Charles P. Summerall, chief of staff, declared the increased allowance for food was having an "excellent" effect on the morale of the army.

Asked by Representative Clague, republican, Minnesota, what effect the elimination of canteen liquor had had on morale, Gen Summerall said he felt the army "is immeasurably better off under the present law than it was under the old law."

COPCO PUTS ON CLEARANCE SALE

A January clearance sale of electrical appliances is being put on this month by the local Copco electric store and some real bargains are now on display. Quality electric appliances made and guaranteed by the leading fanufacturers are being offered at reduced prices, affording local customers some worth-while savings. Some excellent values in used ranges, washing machines and other labor-saving appliances for the home are also included in this January sale.

VERY NICE JOB

PARIS.—M. Schultz, 32, has a very nice job. He is the champion wine taster of France. He recently won a contest, against 94 others, in which it was necessary to sample many kinds of wine, tell what vintage it was, from where it came and what price it should bring. Despite Schultz's occupation, he is a 'dry,' never touching liquor except when on his "testing" carousals.

AVIATRIX OF 19 BREAKS RECORD FOR ENDURANCE

(Continued from page 1.)

he believes will be used successfully by air mail planes in taking on mail at non-stop points.

Theory Seems O. K.

The fliers, who soared aloft at 8:45 a. m. Wednesday on a frigid flight into sub-zero temperatures, landed at 7:48 p. m. last night after their plane had descended too low to drop a note, and its wheels had accidentally skimmed the dimly-lighted, snow-covered field. The flight lasted 10 hours, 54 minutes and 10 successful contacts were made with the refuling device, during which 32 gallons of gasoline, a gallon of oil, food, messages, equipment and parts were taken aboard.

About 17 gallons of gasoline remained when the ship landed. A 25-gallon supply was in the tanks at the take-off and the 60-horsepower Leblond motor consumed less than 4 gallons hourly during flight. The pilots said they did not suffer from the low temperatures while aloft and but for the accident believed they could have stayed up another two days.

Tuxhorn's synchronized catapult is electrically operated to hurl the fuel or supply container into the air when the pickup is made, giving it momentum to offset the jerk of the plane.

Boon to Small Towns

Campbell, an officer of the St. Joseph National Aeronautic association, was warm in his praise of the device which he believed assured the possibility of small towns being put on air mail and express routes.

"I am convinced the device has great possibilities," he said. "After seeing it in successful operation I believe it can be used by aviators to pick up mail and express just as trains now pick up mail at some small non-stop points."

Tuxhorn said he would make another assault on the record when weather conditions improve, and minor flaws of the refueling gun have been perfected.

Mercy Plane Enroute

EDMONTON, Alta., Jan. 3.—An airplane was headed into the north today carrying a supply of anti-toxin to two diphtheria stricken trading posts 600 miles away in the frozen wilderness.

Captain "Wop" May, former Canadian army pilot, with Vic Horner as passenger, hopped off yesterday with 500,000 units of anti-toxin in response to an appeal for help from settlements at Fort Vermilion and Little Red river.

The pilot of the mercy plane and his passenger faced the task of locating the posts in the snow covered forests and landing where no plane has been known to have flown before.

The appeal for anti-toxin sent by Dr. H. A. Hamman, provincial health officer in the north, arrived New Year's day. It was dated December 18 and had been brought 167 miles by dog to the nearest telegraph office at Peace River.

Dr. Hamman said the factor in charge of the Hudson Bay company post at Vermilion River had died of diphtheria and that an epidemic was feared among the 200 inhabitants of the two posts.

Captain May took off without knowing whether there would be enough gasoline at the posts to bring his plane out or whether a suitable place for landing could be found at either of the stations.

Mendez Crashes

GIRARDOT, Colombia, Jan. 3.—The dream of Lieutenant Benjamin Mendez, American-trained chief pilot of the Colombian air service, of flying from New York to Bogota, ended here today in a crash, a scant 75 miles from his goal.

Lieutenant Mendez, who took off from Mitchel field November 23 on his 4,600-mile flight, left Girardot late this afternoon, but a few minutes later met with disaster when the plane crashed into a tree and was destroyed. The forced landing was said to have been due to a poor grade of fuel preventing the motor from functioning properly. The flier was too close to earth to manouever the plane to a safe landing.

Lieutenant Mendez was not injured, and later took off for Bogota in an army plane sent to his aid.

Question Mark Still Going

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3.—The army's giant airplane, Question Mark—up in the air to stay until its men or its motors break down—was still flying today, after very nearly two days of sustained flight, in which it already had broken the previous American record.

The huge tri-motored Fokker, roaring over southern California between this city and San Diego in an effort to break the world's endurance record, was answering its own name—which means "How long can it stay up?"—as its engines droned a rythmic message which ground watchers interpreted as meaning:

"Say it with hours."

Three Goals Set

The five army aviators directing the Question Mark in this historic flight have three definite goals: First, to remain in the air as long as possible; second, to make that "long as possible" seven days—but most important of all, to stay in the air until 8:34 o'clock tonight and thereby shatter the existing airplane endurance record of 60 hours and seven minutes.

The Question Mark took the air at 7:26 a. m., Pacific Standard time, New Year's day. By actual minutes, if it stays in the air until 7:34 tonight it will have broken the world's record by one minute, but under the official ruling it must shatter the present mark by one hour to establish a new official record.

Refueling Hazardous

The most hazardous part of the endurance test is the refueling, which occurrs whenever the Question Mark signals for oil or gasoline. When the signal comes, a refueling plane takes off, flies above the Question Mark, lowers a four-inch hose, and transfers fuel, while the two machines speed through the air at a rate of not less than 70 miles an hour. The only mishap so far of the flight, and that a minor one, occurred when Major Carl Spatz, flight commander, was sprayed with gasoline during a refueling contact.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon the Question Mark had been in the air 53 hours and 34 minutes.

LONE STAR DIETZ WILL COACH HASKELL GRIDDERS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

LAWRENCE, Kans., Jan. 3.—Frank W. McDonald, athletic director of Haskell Indian institute here, today announced the appointment of William H. (Lone Star) Dietz, former Carlisle star, as head football coach to succeed John W. Thomas, resigned. Dietz lives in Los Angeles.

Dietz, who is one quarter Sioux, was an all-American tackle when he played with Carlisle in 1911.

Since leaving Carlisle Dietz has coached many schools, being successful at all. From 1915 to 1917 he coached Washington State college, winning the Pacific coast title two of his three seasons and being runnerup the other.

STATE HOOPSTERS WIN

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2.—The Oregon State college basketball team defeated Willamette university here last night by a score of 39 to 31.

STATION LEASED BY UNION OIL CO. TO GLENN COLBY

The Union Oil company has leased its Roseburg station located on South Stephens street to Glenn Colby, heretofore employed by the company as station attendant. Mr. Colby took over the station the first of the year and plans a few additions to the business, which he will operate as a super service station. He intends to put in a grease rack very soon and later will make other additions. Mr. Colby for the past two years has been employed by the company, first at the plant and of late at the station and is thoroughly acquainted with the work. He has lived here many years and has many friends who wish him success in his new venture. Sam Campbell, also employed by the company at the service station, will be employed in the future as salesman at the local plant.

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"Oh, he seems to fill the bill."—Judge.

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"As a first precaution, I am prescribing Mistol to all my patients, as it protects the nose and throat against the germs of influenza. Use it every morning, the first thing, before you go out. Again when you come home at night. Don't be afraid to use it freely; it will do no harm.

"Just tilt your head back and apply Mistol with the special dropper which comes with every package, until you feel it trickling down your throat. It will clear your head wonderfully, relieve any inflammation; it will help dry up a running nose. It has a soothing effect on the throat, too. Gargle it for a sore throat or a little irritating cough. Above all, it protects the nose and throat against the germs of influenza.

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You will want to read about Monty and the strangely-named Ashtoreth in Eleanor Early's new serial, "Orchid." Eleanor Early is the author of "Whirlwind," one of the most popular serials ever run by the News-Review.

Watch for "Orchid." It begins Monday, January 7.

If I Had The Cash!

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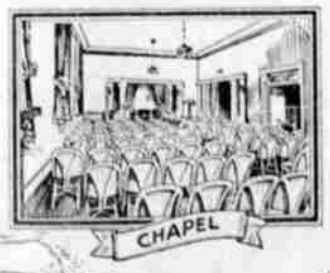

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