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EDITORIAL
 By Charles V. Stanton

SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

LULA C. GORRELL, county school superintendent, reports the official canvass of the election, conducted by six school districts of the Lower Umpqua has been completed, showing the proposal to consolidate was approved with but very minor negative attitude. The trend toward school consolidation is one factor showing we are gradually breaking down the spirit of provincialism which has so seriously retarded progress.

We take pride in our schools. No department of our national structure is more closely guarded than our educational system. It is freely admitted that our public school program is expensive, but we are ever willing to provide money to assure children of this nation the best educational facilities we can afford.

Because of pride in our schools, we have kept the reins of our school districts tightly within our own hands. We have resented any effort to encroach upon strictly local control. But in the realization that better educational facilities exist in larger units, made possible through good highways and improved means of transportation, we have permitted our insistence for the best educational privileges to break through strictly provincial control.

In the lower Umpqua area, the districts of Scottsburg, Winchester Bay, Harvey Creek, Deans Creek, Walker and Reedsport have approved consolidation. These units previously have been joined in a union high school district, but now the elementary schools also are being united.

As a result, the district will have a total valuation of \$1,372,995. It is planned to construct an annex to the high school building, create the equivalent of a junior high school and make other improvements which can result only from ample enrollment and revenue.

The consolidation also advances the standards and classifications which provide privileges for students advancing to the schools of higher education.

Gardiner and Smith River districts are at present transporting high school students into Reedsport, but maintain their own elementary schools. Doubtless the Lower Umpqua district eventually will be extended to include those two communities; Gardiner with a valuation of \$1,150,855, and Smith River with a valuation of \$519,395.

The little one-room school house has long been an American institution. Many of our greatest citizens learned their three R's at hewn desks. The passing of the country school is a matter for regret only because of sentiment. Modern highways and busses make it possible to transport pupils to school where the volume of collective attendance makes possible advantages which cannot be obtained in the smaller units.

A great deal of credit must go to the Oakland school district for pioneering large-scale consolidation in Douglas county, and personal mention is deserved by Lee Beyers, former principal at Oakland, who was instrumental in selling the program in the days when it was hard to break through the jealousies of individual districts.

But because the worth of consolidation has been proven by actual demonstration, it can be expected to make still greater progress in future years. From continued expansion will come better schools and greater advantages for the boys and girls for whom the system is maintained.

Killer of Poison Oak Not Best for Other Weed Types

More experience with the use of ammonium sulfate to kill poison oak indicates that it is the best chemical to use for this purpose under many conditions, but is not as good for eradicating other kinds of perennial weeds as some of the other chemicals, according to a summary of recent tests issued by Chester Otis, assistant farm crops specialist, and L. E. Harris, associate agronomist at O. S. C.

The only other chemical that equals ammonium sulfate in killing power on poison oak is atrazine. Ammonium sulfate, a nitrogenous weed killer, has the advantage, however, in that it does not sterilize the soil and even has some fertilizer value. It has five retardant properties instead of being inflammable, which is one reason for its scarcity on the market. The armed services are using it for these fire retardant properties; nevertheless, more supplies are available now than a year ago.

The experiment station recommends that this material be mixed with water at the rate of one pound of ammonium sulfate per gallon. This is sprayed on foliage, stems and crowns until the liquid drips freely. The best time for application is in the late summer or early fall.

So far the ammonium sulfate has shown up satisfactorily on deep-rooted perennials, such as morning glory, Canada thistle, and whitetop.

ERIC JOHNSON, president of the U. S. chamber of commerce (who can generally be trusted), tells an audience in Salt Lake City that the Moscow conference (Hull, Eden and Molotov) got along together remarkably well—that they "ignored disagreements and FIRST explored the areas of agreement."

That is to say, they placed emphasis on the things that America, Britain and Russia can AGREE on rather than the things we might DISAGREE on. The Moscow conference appears to have been a sound, well-managed affair, taken part in by SINCERE men honestly determined to do their part in building a better world.

A pair of rats left unmolested to breed may multiply to a total of 500 rats within a year.

State Press Comment
 (Salem Statesman)
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Bible Class to Split Time With Townsend Club
 Dr. R. L. Dunn announced today that his weekly Bible class will meet next Monday at 7:30 p. m., instead of the usual 7:45 starting time. The class, which meets at the Douglas hotel, will have a short study period and will divide its time with the Roseburg Townsend club, which will take over the program at 8:30 p. m. A visiting speaker from the Townsend organization will be present.

Italians Freed for Northwest Work

SEATTLE, Dec. 17.—(AP)—For the first time since the roundup of enemy aliens following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Italian internees are being permitted to return to the Pacific northwest to offset the shortage of common labor in the Puget sound area.

Ninety-two internees of high character and reliability have been permitted to come to Seattle to work for the Northern Pacific railroad and in Tacoma. Harry J. McLain, superintendent of the Northern Pacific shops, reported between 30 and 50 Italians were working in the South Tacoma shops and at Auburn.

U. S. immigration service representatives also confirmed a report that negotiations for 40 more internees were being carried on by the Seattle city light department for use as maintenance crews on the city light branch railroad between Rockport and Newhalem for supplying the Ross dam project.

The Italians are all from the camp at Fort Missoula, Mont., and will be paid the going wages for day labor and house in usual section hand quarters by the railroad.

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BEST BETS FOR TODAY

FRIDAY
 6:30—Double or Nothing.
 8:00—Eye Witness News.
 8:30—Name That Song.
SATURDAY
 9:30—Hello Mom.
 2:00—Navy Bulletin Board.
 2:30—American Eagles Club.
 4:00—Nick Carter.
 5:00—Cisco Kid.
 6:00—Chicago Theatre.
 7:20—Saturday Night Bonwagon.
 8:00—Dance Orchestra.
SUNDAY
 10:30—Hockey Hall.
 2:30—The Shadow.
 3:00—First Nighter.
 6:00—Cleveland Symphony.
 7:30—Boys Town.
 8:00—California Melodies.
 8:30—Jack Benny.
 9:30—Wings Over the West Coast.

REMAINING HOURS TODAY

4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
 4:15—Johnson Family.
 4:30—Don Redmon's Orchestra.
 5:00—Bible Adventures, Presbyterian Church.
 5:15—Superman, Kellogg's Pop.
 5:30—Rhythm Road.
 5:45—Norman Nesbitt News, Studebaker.
 6:00—Gabriel Heattell, Kreml.
 6:15—Gracie Fields, Pall Mall Cigarettes.
 6:30—Double or Nothing, Feenamint.
 7:00—Dale Carnegie.
 7:15—State and Local News, Keel Motor Co.
 7:20—Musical Interlude.
 7:30—Lone Ranger.
 8:00—Eye-Witness News, Copco.
 8:15—Here Comes the Band, Douglas Flour Mill.
 8:30—What's the Name of That Song, 42 Hair Oil Products.
 9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
 9:15—Hi Neighbor, Carstens Furniture Store.
 9:30—General Malone, Union Oil Co.
 9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
 10:00—Sign Off.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:45—Rise and Shine.
 7:00—News, L. B. Hair Oil Co.
 7:15—Rainbow House.
 7:30—State and Local News, Boring Optical.
 7:35—Rhapsody in Wax.
 8:00—Haven of Rest.
 8:30—Skeeter Hubbard.
 8:45—Edna Peterson, Pianist.
 9:00—Canary Chorus.
 9:30—Hello Mom.
 10:00—Alka Seltzer News.
 10:15—Robert Mitchell Boys Choir.
 10:30—Luncheon with Lopez.
 11:00—Viennese Concert Orchestra.
 11:15—The Pastor's Scrapbook, Dr. Roach, Presbyterian Church.
 11:30—Mutual Goes Calling.
 12:00—Musical Interlude.
 12:10—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer.
 12:15—Rhythm at Random.
 12:40—State News, Hansen Motors.
 12:45—News-Review of the Air.
 12:55—Terminal Market Reports, Sig Fett.
 1:00—Ten Pin Topics.
 1:15—New Orleans Races.
 1:30—Sweet String Time.
 2:00—Navy Bulletin Board.
 2:30—American Eagle Club.
 3:00—Salvation Army Christmas Program.
 3:30—Hawaii Calls.
 4:00—Nick Carter.
 4:30—George Wright, Organist.
 5:00—Cisco Kid.
 5:30—Moods in Music.
 5:45—Norman Nesbitt, Studebaker.
 6:00—Chicago Theatre.

OUT OUR WAY



7:00—John B. Hughes, Anacini.
 7:15—State and Local News, Keel Motor Co.
 7:20—Saturday Night Bonwagon.
 7:45—Impact.
 8:00—George Duffy's Orchestra.
 8:15—Justin Stone's Orchestra.
 8:30—Ted Lewis Orchestra.
 8:45—Bernie Cummins Orchestra.
 9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
 9:15—Round-Up in the Sky, E. G. High.
 9:30—Faces and Places, Vicks Products.
 9:45—Shep Field's Orchestra.
 10:00—Sign Off.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00—Wesley Radio League.
 8:30—Voice of Prophecy.
 9:00—Detroit Bible Class.
 9:30—Organ Chimes, Presbyterian Church.
 9:45—Songs for Sunday.
 10:00—Alka Seltzer News.
 10:15—Romance of the Highways, Greyhound.
 10:30—Hockey Hall, Chooz.
 11:00—Baptist Church Services.
 12:00—This is Port Dix.
 12:15—Voice of the Dairy Farmer, American Dairy Ass'n.
 12:30—Dr. Floyd Johnson.
 1:00—Lutheran Hour.
 1:30—Life of Lincoln.
 2:00—Gospel Messages, Church of Christ.
 2:15—Music in 3/4 Time.
 2:30—The Shadow.
 3:00—First Nighter, Campana Sales Corp.
 3:30—Four-Square Gospel Church.
 4:00—Old Fashioned Revival Hour.
 5:00—Mediation Board.
 5:45—Gabriel Heattell, Barbaol.
 6:00—Cleveland Symphony.
 7:00—Cedric Foster, Employer's Group Ins.
 7:15—Voice of the Army.
 7:30—Boys Town.
 8:00—California Melodies.
 8:30—Jack Benny, General Foods.
 9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
 9:30—Wings Over the West Coast.
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 11:00—Sign Off.

U. S. ARMY GROUP INSIGNE

HORIZONTAL
 1 Depicted is insignia of the 100th
 7 It is a unit of the U. S.—
 10 Railroad (abbr.)
 11 Bird's home
 12 Is able
 14 Whirlwind
 15 Hearing cogn
 17 Verment (abbr.)
 18 Timid
 19 Harlem room
 20 Not fresh
 22 Mimic
 23 Westphalian river
 24 Car
 25 Hawaiian goddess of volcanic fires
 27 Measures of cloth
 28 Perform
 29 Form (comb. form)
 31 Independent
 32 Late Latin (abbr.)
 33 Snare
 35 Caravansary
 37 Distinctive theory
 38 Tree fluid
 41 Part of speech
 42 Musical instrument
 43 Initials of a U. S. president
 44 Sock hump
 45 Employ
 46 That one

Answer to Previous Puzzle
 MOLOTOV
 POST
 OLETT
 ELATE
 TRIED
 INN
 RANA
 PATS
 SCUD
 SLAM
 ASSE
 E
 CITICE
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 CITEN
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 UNION
 MOLOTOV
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 POINTED

VERTICAL
 1 Article of apparel
 47 Indian mubbery
 48 Native metal
 49 Unit
 50 Meager
 51 Requests
 2 Angry
 3 Within
 4 Number
 5 Devotee
 6 Old Testament (abbr.)
 7 Any
 8 Archetype
 9 12 months (pl.)

12 Pincerlike organ
 13 Continually
 16 New military term
 18 School subject
 19 Poem
 21 Shoestrings
 22 Plaudits
 26 Appraises
 30 Written form of Mistress
 34 Forenoon (abbr.)
 36 Agile
 38 Pertaining to a sort
 39 White poplar
 40 Cooking utensil
 43 Chaldean city
 46 Writing fluid
 48 Onward
 49 Bore

By J. R. Williams

Air-Wacs Seeking Volunteers Here

The first opportunity for women to enlist directly in the United States army air corps is now being offered Wac recruits, according to Lieutenant Alda Hendricks of Portland army air base, who has been spending the past two days in Roseburg establishing a Douglas county recruiting committee.

The new branch, Lieutenant Hendricks reports, is known as the Air-Wacs, and many positions are now being opened in the air forces to interested women.

Mrs. Ethel Roseland has accepted chairmanship of the Air-Wac recruiting committee, and will be aided by Circuit Judge and Mrs. Carl E. Wimberly, Mrs. L. A. Rhoden, L. E. McClintock and M. O. Ream. Women interested in joining the Air-Wacs are invited to contact any member of the committee who will have information and literature available.

Suit Over Tractor Buy Under Study by Court

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Farmer William C. Hulbert still had the Twin Falls county tractor today and a suit to determine its legal ownership was under advisement of District Judge J. W. Porter.

In arguments on the case Everett M. Sweezy, county prosecutor, charged the OPA was holding up settlement by "reckless distortion of the congressional intent" and "cynical stretching of powers."

Hulbert bid \$1,050 for a used tractor owned by the county, but refused payment, explaining he feared prosecution if he paid more than the OPA ceiling of \$723.

The county, contending Idaho law forced it to accept the highest bid, filed suit for \$1,050, meanwhile permitting Hulbert to use the tractor. The OPA intervened.

Almost 28,000 women are working in U. S. lumber industries, more than three times as many as in 1941.

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