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PLANNING FOR SCHOOLS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The request from the board of directors of the Roseburg school district for permission to change plans for expenditure of capital funds has stirred up considerable interest. Criticism is directed at the proposal to erect a new elementary school and to use the present Fullerton school building as a part of a campus-type high school. Discussions indicate considerable opposition to the plan for constructing a new Fullerton school on the 20-acre site purchased west of Coates addition. Critics charge that the program offered by the school board is only a temporary stop-gap and does not provide the answer to our need for more school facilities.

It should be understood that the school board is not asking for more money. From bonds previously voted, the district still has on hand \$471,351.65, or more than one-half the original issue totalling \$895,000. The sum of \$168,000 has been earmarked for a Library-Arts building in connection with the senior high school, leaving \$303,351.65 still available for new construction. This money can be used to build a new grade school, converting the present Fullerton school into a part of the high school facility, or it can be applied to an addition to the senior high school building, as authorized in the original program.

Because voters in approving the bond issue designated how the money should be used, it is necessary to obtain permission from the voters before funds can be diverted to any purpose other than that for which they were voted. The board feels that the money can be used to better advantage through the plan it now proposes, and is asking permission to use remaining money in accordance with the newly proposed program.

More Rooms For Less Money

School authorities admit that the new plan is not the final answer to our school problem. The alternate plan for which the board seeks approval, it is claimed, provides 47 to 49 classrooms under the old plan. At the same time it will provide facilities sufficient to meet school needs for about two more years, while the old plan, if followed, would leave the district still short of classroom space, making it immediately necessary to ask the voters for more bond money.

The alternate plan, the school board says, eliminates the necessity of asking another bond issue for one or two years. Present assessed property valuations would permit raising only about \$250,000 more in bonds, which would not be nearly enough to cover the needs expected during the next few years. On the other hand, if another bond issue can be postponed, the district valuation will probably increase enough to permit \$500,000 or more in bonds to be voted later. Possibility also exists that the district will be expanded by consolidation, that state aid may be increased, or federal aid obtained.

Further Expansion Will Be Required

The problem now before district voters is a very minor one compared with issues we will be facing in another few years. The birth rate, which increased from 250 in 1944 to 850 in 1949, furnishes proof of the trouble ahead. The birth rate in Douglas county remained fairly constant between 200 and 300 per year until 1945, then went to 422 in 1946, 673 in 1947 and 824 in 1948. We will not begin to feel this impact until 1952, when children born in 1946 will enter the first grade. From then on we will need space for 200 more beginners each year, while carrying, at the same time, the larger classes through each of the other grades. In addition, we will continue to have in-migration of population.

With our school facilities already overtaxed, and our schools taking the major part of the tax dollar, the future holds some mighty perplexing problems.

We don't know whether the plan proposed by the school board is the best solution possible, under the circumstances. We do know that members of the school board are sincere, conscientious men, taxpayers, parents and vitally interested in the welfare of our school system. We know that they have spent a great deal of time studying the school situation and have had the benefit of much expert advice. We believe they are in the best position to know what should be done. They admit that their alternate plan is only a temporary expedient, but that it makes our money go a little further, postponing the crisis another year or two, while we await some miracle to resolve our dilemma. We're willing to accept the school board's advice.

Invasion Of Arctic Country Termed 'Not Likely'

EDMONTON, Alta., March 30.—(CP)—No major military invasion of the North country is expected by the military in the event of a third world war, Maj. Gen. M.H.S. Penhale, general officer commanding western command, says.

Speaking to the Edmonton military institute on the recent Sweetbriar exercise, he stated the operation confirmed belief that only small scale operations were possible in the north.

He said, for example, that the efficiency of inexperienced troops drops two percent for every degree below zero. Thus at 50 below, their fighting efficiency has dropped almost to zero.

Weather stations and the extensive northern radar network station "could be logical targets for invaders," he said. A larger scale attack might be aimed at northern air fields.

Object of enemy attacks would

be to damage civilian morale and tie up troops to hamper offensive operations overseas.

Sweetbriar proved such attacks to be practical, if not probable, Maj. Gen. Penhale stated.

Judge Wimberly ordered and decreed that neither defendant has any right to certain real property described as being located in the vicinity of Riddle and Glendale. He further ordered that the title of the plaintiff on the property is forever quieted against all claims of the defendants.

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Hitting The Trail



In the Day's News

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back onto them.

Most of us who are neither hell-and-high-water Republicans nor hell-and-high-water Democrats have the feeling that the State department, maybe, isn't quite all it ought to be and wish it were a little better than it is.

POSSIBLY it is the traditional State department atmosphere that is at fault. Somehow screwballs just naturally tend to "congregate in State departments (which elsewhere in the world are called "foreign offices").

It could be the striped pants. It could be the rigid protocol that prevails in such places. In State department affairs, you know, everybody must be in just his right place at the table. Nobody whose "right place" is traditionally BELOW THE SALT must ever be placed ABOVE THE SALT.

At any rate, the business of State departments and foreign offices is diplomacy. Diplomacy is the contact of nations with nations. It is heavily weighed with tradition and precedent.

Politics and foreign affairs ("foreign policy" is the customarily accepted term) should never be mixed. When stirred together, they are highly explosive. The pages of history fairly reek with examples of that.

Personally, I have the feeling that here in America in these critical times, we are trying to mix our internal politics with our foreign policy. If we keep that up, the time will come when we will wish we hadn't.

FOR the past week, these fancy new rainmakers who pin their faith to "seeding" clouds with dry ice have been sitting with finger on trigger in New York waiting for a chance to try their stuff. They have been stymied by the fact that EVERY DAY IT HAS RAINED—hard.

You just can't ever tell what the weather will do.

DOWN in Los Angeles a guy who has been out of a job for ten weeks found \$27,000 in negotiable stocks the other day and didn't have carfare money which to hunt up the owner and give the stocks back to him.

SO HE SOLD A PINT OF HIS BLOOD AT A HOSPITAL FOR \$4, and used the money for travel expense to locate him and give his property back!

It takes all kinds of people to make a world, and this Los Angeles man is the RIGHT KIND.

Y Craft Class Sates Linoleum Block Printing

The YMCA craft class will take up linoleum block-printing this month, announced Rev. Walter A. MacArthur, craft program director. The class will not be held April 4, but will meet at 7:30 p. m., in the Methodist church social rooms on Tuesday, April 11. Any adult is invited to take part in this program. However, it is hoped that any adult learning a craft will use this new knowledge to teach others, added Rev. MacArthur. The cost to the individual is only for the materials used.

Scrape from the MENDING BASKET

By Vianett S. Martin

Cabin creek which flows into Calapooya creek near Oakland, derived its name from the first cabin built in Douglas county by citizens of the United States. "It is said" I quote Lewis McArthur's Oregon Geographic Names, "that the Rev. J. A. Cornwall built a cabin on this stream in 1846 and spent the winter there." I wondered, as I read that, if any of his descendants are still in Douglas county?

In regard to Galice Mr. McArthur does not even mention the Indian and his "glee" (bacon) and his greediness! But since I know how thorough was the author's concentration on facts I shall just smile at the Oregon Guide's story and quote from Mr. McArthur's statement that the postmaster at Galice wrote him in 1926 that "the name came from a French doctor, Louis Galice, who came as early as 1852 and discovered placer gold. It is said that this Frenchman is buried close to Galice creek nearby. Much gold has been taken from the placers during the past three-quarters of a century. See Walling's History of Southern Oregon, page 460."

Do you like to hear if you do not know, how our Douglas county places received their names? Near the place where the Pacific highway first reaches Cow Creek valley after going south from Canyonville was established Camp Elfin (Victor's Early Indian Wars of Oregon page 366) where Captain Laban Buoy commanded a detachment of B company, Second Oregon mounted volunteers in 1855-56. It was his duty to keep the road open along Cow creek! Now, except for an occasional slide, the highway department keeps the road open and clear, and there is no one to hinder our swift passage through the beautiful canyon—unless we go too fast and catch the eye of a state police officer.

Champagne creek, which flows into the Umpqua a few miles northwest of Roseburg, may be as sparkling clear as our spring, but it didn't get its name as one might think. No, it was named for Joseph Champagne, one of a colony of French-Canadian settlers in the 1850's. As usual, the precise Mr. McArthur directs the reader to a historical source: Walling's History of Southern Oregon, page 428.

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Chiang Urges Foreign Aid For Starving Chinese

TAIPEI, Formosa, March 31.—(AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek Tuesday appealed for foreign help for red China's starving millions.

The president of nationalist China said his government would do everything possible toward the dispatch of relief supplies to starving millions in enemy territory. Chiang probably meant the Nationalists would permit food ships to pass through their blockade of Red China ports.

An estimated 50,000,000 persons in Red China are reported affected by famine and disease with 10,000,000 in danger of starvation. Chiang asserted the Russians three years ago told Chinese Reds at least 200,000,000 Chinese must be sacrificed to bring about the initial success of the Communist revolution in China.

He promised to send food to Communist-held China. An aide said air drops were planned.

Chiang's appeal was addressed to "foreign friends and religious organizations" as well as to overseas Chinese and the people of "free China."

Defense Fund For Captured Escapee Is Started

PORTLAND, March 31.—(AP)—A defense fund for Orba E. Jackson—held by the FBI as a Leavenworth escapee—has been started with his former employer heading it.

C. L. Kirkland, Aloha farmer, said the move was aimed at averting an additional sentence for escape and at getting parole for Jackson who was employed by Kirkland under the name Kenneth J. Van Kemper. He has 13 years of his original 25-year armed robbery sentence to serve.

Kirkland said Jackson "is a man of ability and there is no question but that he could come back and make good."

He said Jackson's conviction was for attempting to rob a country store to get money for medical treatment for his wife. A post-office in connection with the store made a federal offense.

"Everyone I have talked to in the community likes Jim and is willing to accept him back as a good member of society," Kirkland said.

Jackson was arrested last week on the tip of a man who saw a "wanted" poster.

Man Asks Entry For Alaska Into United Nations

JUNEAU, Alaska, March 31.—(AP)—Peter Wood, Juneau real estate agent, says he had wired Trygve L. Hall, secretary-general of the United Nations, for information on Alaska's joining the U. N. as a "non-self governing territory."

Wood, who formerly published a monthly newspaper here, said he had cabled Lee as follows: "Unless we get statehood this session of the United States Congress, I will consider organizing party to seek separation and create the Independent Republic of the United States of Alaska through the United Nations."

"We have oil, iron, coal, copper, tin, wood, fish, fur, waterpower, agriculture and gold. We would be one of the richest nations."

"If this seems absurd, so does taxation without representation."

"Request you refer this to committee for admission of non-self governing territories and forward details necessary to a formal petition."

Decree Issued In Action Involving Mortgaged Mill

Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly Thursday issued a decree in favor of the E. K. Wood Lumber company, in a suit to collect \$77,705.45, the unpaid balance on a loan to the defendant, H. A. New company, for which the defendant put up one sawmill, completely equipped, as security.

Judge Wimberly ordered that the liens of two other defendants, the State of Oregon and the United States government, and the chattel mortgage held by the plaintiff on the sawmill, located approximately one and one-half mile south of Dillard on highway 99, be foreclosed.

A fourth defendant, A. A. St. Onge, was enjoined from claiming any right to the sawmill. Judge Wimberly further ordered that the lien of the State of Oregon, through the State Unemployment Compensation commission, in the amount of \$340.51, be designated the first and paramount lien upon the sawmill.

It was also decreed that the chattel mortgage of the plaintiff is inferior to that of the State of Oregon, but superior to the lien of the U. S. government, in the amount of \$144.48, together with interest and penalties.

Wimberly's order stated that the personal property covered by the liens and chattel mortgage, described as one sawmill, complete, be sold and allocated (1) to the costs of the sale, (2) to discharge the lien of the state, (3) discharge the claim and judgment of the plaintiff, (4) the balance, if any, to go to the U. S. government, but not to exceed \$144.48, and (5) the remainder to go to the defendant H. A. New Lumber company.

Jeep-Plane Job In Africa Saves U. S. Missioner

ADDIS ABABA, March 31.—(AP)—Dr. Edward Payne, veteran American missionary in Africa, owes his life to quick rescue work by jeep and plane which brought him out of the Ethiopian wilds when he was taken seriously ill.

Dr. Payne, of La Grande, Ore., is medical officer with the Sudan interior mission in Ethiopia.

He was stricken with chronic asthma and cardiac trouble while at the isolated town or Soddu near the Sudan border in western Ethiopia.

No doctor or medicine was available for hundreds of miles around.

Dr. Payne lapsed into unconsciousness and faced certain death barring a miracle.

A mounted messenger dispatched post haste to Hosanna, 180 miles away, brought an appeal for help.

Lief Olsen, general traffic manager of Ethiopian airlines, and Dick Geis, an engineer working for the Ethiopian civil aviation administration, set out by jeep to bring Dr. Payne out of the wilderness.

They covered the rough jungle track to Soddu in 10 hours, spelling one another at the wheel. Their headlights pierced the heavily wooded trail as they rushed back through the lonely wilds at night, with Dr. Payne in a heavy coma.

A plane, captained by Victor Harrell of Winston-Salem, N. C., stood by at Hosanna. Willard Wilder of Presque Isle, Me., was co-pilot. Dr. Payne was bundled in and Harrell and Wilder took off immediately for Addis Ababa.

Taken to the American Presbyterian hospital here, he was given emergency treatment. His condition improved rapidly and he is now reported out of danger.

Juvenile Control School Set By FBI At Eugene

PORTLAND, March 31.—(AP)—The FBI will hold juvenile control schools for police of the state at Portland and Eugene next month.

R. L. Murray, who arrived here Wednesday to take charge of the Portland FBI office, said methods of handling young law offenders would be reviewed to police, probation and juvenile officials of cities and counties.

The Portland school will be April 3-7 and the Eugene session April 10-14.

Murphy was transferred here from Kansas City. F. A. Fletcher was shifted from Portland to San Francisco.

Appointments Made

SALEM, March 31.—(AP)—Governor Douglas McKay made the following appointments Wednesday.

Orville B. Swearingen, Portland, to the state watchmakers board, succeeding the late B. W. Cobb, Portland.

Ivor T. Jones, Salem, secretary of the state council of AFL carpenters, to the state advisory council on employment. He succeeds M. E. Steele, Portland, who resigned.

Robert Lister, Paulina, reappointed as the Oregon Cattlemen's association representative on the state livestock advisory committee.

Dr. T. M. Birkbeck, Milton, reappointed to the state board of dental examiners.

would be reached within the next year or two.

In the past four decades, Crickshank added industrial accidents killed 796,500 American workers. Last year's toll was 15,500.

The dead of all this country's wars total 852,000, he said.

He predicted the 1,000,000 mark

safety exposition.

John Crickshank, chief engineer of the United States Guarantee company, gave these figures: 927-260 persons killed by autos from 1907, when the toll was only 666, through last year when there were 31,500 fatalities.

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Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses Issued
GIBSON-GILBREATH—Delbert Ray Gibson and Doris Elaine Gilbreath, both of Riddle.

Divorce Suits Filed
VAN HORN—Sarah Virginia vs. James Edgar Van Horn. Married May 21, 1945, at Oakland, Calif. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment, asks restoration of her maiden name, Sarah Virginia Reimer.

MEADE—Lillian Mae vs. Charles David Meade. Married 1935 at Cavalier, N.D. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment, asks custody of two minor children, \$50 per month support and costs.

Divorce Decrees Granted
ROWTON—Shirley Jean from William Mack Rowton, Plaintiff's maiden name of Shirley Jean Hutchinson restored.

MILLER—Betty Jean from Paul A. Miller. Plaintiff was awarded custody of one minor child, \$60 per month and confirmation of a property settlement.

LARCENY CHARGED
William Dale Parry, 18, Umpqua, was ordered released on his own recognizance by Justice A. J. Geddes, following his appearance in justice court Thursday on a charge of larceny of poultry.

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