

Knotty Municipal Problems Get Cities League Attention In Its Swing Through Oregon

Ten regional meetings of the League of Oregon Cities are scheduled in southern and eastern Oregon cities during the month of April, the league has announced.

The first meeting will be at Roseburg next Tuesday, April 11, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Umpqua hotel. Mayor Al Flegel is in charge of arrangements, and City Recorder William D. Bollman will take care of dinner reservations.

Other meetings are scheduled for Medford, Klamath Falls, Bend, Burns, John Day, Baker, Ontario, LaGrande and Pendleton.

The wide scope and variety of problems occupying the attention of city officials at this time were revealed in discussions at 12 dinner meetings previously held, the league pointed out.

Subjects discussed at many of the meetings included budgeting, sewer and sewage disposal financing, interim financing of improvement projects, annexation procedures, rural planning and zoning of fringe areas, property assessment, and so forth.

The league is again reminding city officials of its program of support of expanded assessment programs in counties where assessment has not yet been fully completed and kept up to date. In a resolution adopted in April, 1949, the league executive committee recommended that cities determine the status of tax appraisal and assessment programs in their respective counties and that they urge adequate budgetary support to the office of the county assessor for assessment of new improvements and the reassessment on a more equitable basis of the property already on the tax rolls.

Springfield Example Cited
Perhaps the most convincing demonstration of the need for adequate appraisal staff in the county assessor's office occurred during

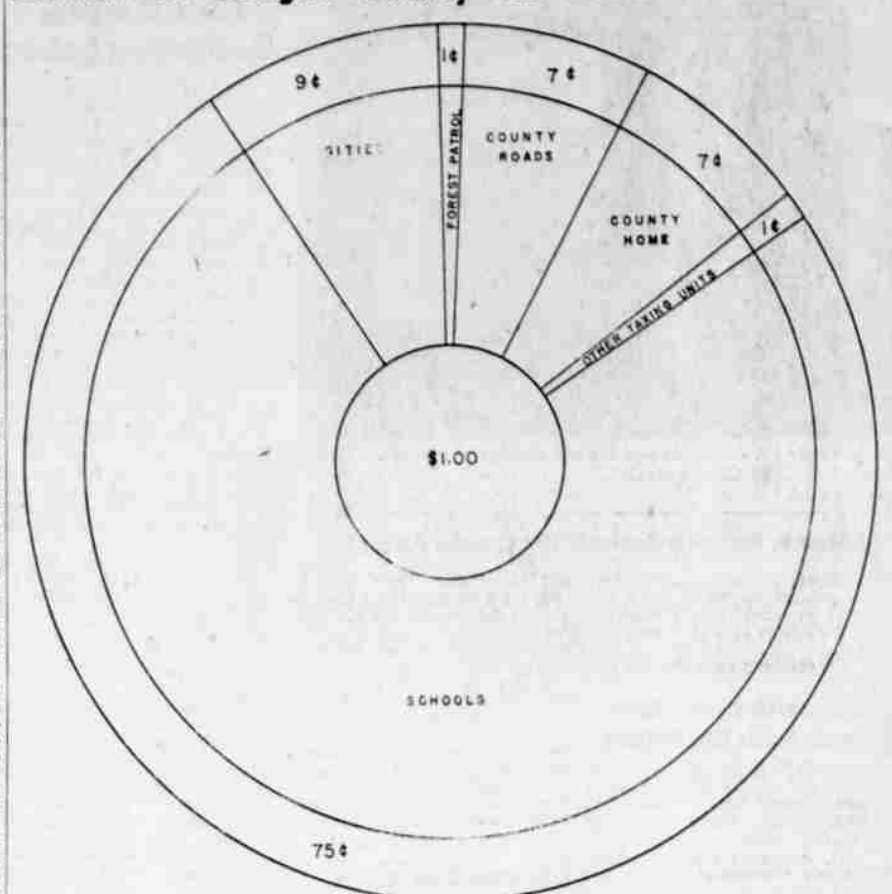
1949 in Lane county as a result of action initiated by city officials and civic leaders of Springfield in obtaining additional budget funds for the assessor, the league revealed.

The overall assessed valuation for Lane county increased some 30 million dollars with \$9,698,464 of the increase represented in the assessed values of the cities of the county. In Springfield alone the assessed values were increased from \$4,197,924 to \$7,454,652 while Oakridge experienced a 110.6 percent gain from \$411,093 for 1948-49 to \$865,784 for 1949-50.

The league is also urging city officials to give immediate attention to the matter of proposals or suggestions for new or revised legislation for the league's 1951 legislative program. All proposals and recommendations will go to a recently appointed legislative steering committee named by League President Hollis S. Smith, mayor of Dallas.

At the 1949 convention of the league, two legislative proposals were unanimously adopted in resolutions submitted to the convention. These were: Distribution to the cities of 10 percent of the gross revenues collected annually by the Oregon Liquor Control commission, and liberalizing the provisions of the 1949 statute so as to provide for broader state financial assistance to smaller cities of the state in the financing of sewers and sewage disposal facilities.

Division Of Douglas County Tax Dollar



SCHOOLS TAKE THREE-FOURTHS OF TAX DOLLAR—The chart above was prepared by A. B. Collier, county auditor, to show the distribution of the tax dollar collected in Douglas county. Schools receive 75 cents from the dollar, municipalities 9 cents, roads and welfare each 7 cents. Special levies include 1 cent for forest protection, while a like amount is collected by water districts, port districts, fire protection districts and other corporate groups authorized to levy local taxes.

Adjutant General's Dilemma Told As Interesting Drama Of War II

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It was none less than the adjutant general at British General headquarters in France who unfolded this drama of World War one to me.

The story grew out of the rigid military regulation that no member of the fighting forces could be visited by his wife in the war theatre. This decree was absolute, and disobedience meant court martial.

The need of such a law is obvious. Of course it was tough, and especially so for the wife. It was her fate to stay at home and worry about the safety of her man, whereas he knew that his woman was relatively safe. Still it would have been insane to lead a fighting front up with the wives of combat troops.

The regulations, however, left an opening for a strange deviation. While a man couldn't have his own wife with him in the war

theatre, there wasn't anything to stop him from having a girl friend when he was off duty in a quiet area.

Idea's Conflict
Our story hinges on this conflict of ideas. It involves a young English officer, whom we shall designate merely as Captain Bob (the nickname by which he was affectionately known to his host of friends), and his lovely wife. The couple occupied a firm place in London society.

Now Captain Bob and his lady were very much in love and found the separation hard to bear. So it was not surprising that finally Mrs. Bob, in her innocence about the rules of war, should finally get what she thought was the wonderful idea of making a surprise visit to her man.

Through one of the relief organizations she wangled a trip to Amiens on the Somme, where her husband was stationed. And in due course she arrived at that exceedingly important base.

Well, Captain Bob was flabbergasted—but he was a chap in love and he was a good sport. He hurried to give his wife a lover's welcome, with never a word about a violation of regulations which was heading him straight for a court martial.

Second Honeymoon
It was a second honeymoon which lasted for several days. Then he started Mrs. Bob back to London and faced the music. He had a wealth of friends, and many in high places—but friendships didn't count.

The captain was court martialled.

found guilty and sentenced to be cashiered—a terrible stigma to be attached to a proud name. The records of the trial were sent to the adjutant general at headquarters for review, and here is what he told me about subsequent events:

"It was an absolute tragedy. Here was a grand officer, and one of the finest chaps in the whole army, cashiered—condemned to be thrown out of the service with blackened name.

"And all this, damn it, because it was his own wife who was with him in Amiens. If it had been any other woman in the world he would have been in the clear. It just didn't make sense.

"I studied for hours trying to find a loophole in that conviction, but it seemed air tight. Finally the time arrived when I could no longer evade the issue. The papers were lying on my desk and I was standing by one of my office windows, drumming on the pane, when I got my answer. I rushed over to my desk, grabbed a pen and wrote across the verdict:

"No evidence produced to show that the lady in question was Captain Bob's wife. Case quashed."

Sound Film Dated At Salvation Army Chapel

The public is invited to attend the showing of a sound film Sunday night entitled "Barabbas, the Robber," to be shown at the Salvation Army chapel, 1005 Winchester St., at 7:30 p.m.

Capt. Claude Bowden said the film tells the story of Christ's crucifixion as viewed through the eyes of the robber.

Pastor Accused Of Being 'Red' Is Fired On In Auto

LAKEVIEW, April 7.—(AP)—A Lakeview Methodist minister told state police he was stopped on a road outside Lakeview Wednesday night, accused of being a "Red" and fired upon by a group of men.

The minister, Rev. Omer Idso, said one bullet ripped a hole in his coat sleeve, passed through his overcoat and bored a hole in the right window wing of his car.

He said he was sitting in his car when the shot was fired and could not say whether it came from a rifle or revolver.

Rev. Idso has received several threatening letters in recent months and last October his office in the church study was burglarized and five threatening letters he had received were stolen. Subsequently there have been two other attempted burglaries at the office, he said.

The letters accused him, the minister said, of interfering in community affairs and of being a Communist sympathizer.

Wednesday night he said he left the ranch west of Lakeview where he makes his home to drive to town. At Four Corners, five miles west of Lakeview, an oncoming car flashed a spotlight in his eyes, turned and followed him down the highway, passed and shined the light in his eyes again.

Hoping to avoid further contact with the strange car, the minister said he turned off the highway onto the airport road to enter Lakeview from the south. But shortly after he turned off, he came upon the mystery car again, parked across the road and he had to stop.

Idso said several men were in the car, and they called out threats to him, telling him to "stop sticking your nose in Community affairs."

Then, he said, one shot was fired and the men in the automobile drove away.

Soviet 'Threat' Demands Unity, Dulles Warns
NEW YORK, April 7.—(AP)—John Foster Dulles said he had accepted appointment as foreign policy advisor because the need for national unity was urgent in the face of a Russian "threat" as grave as "any we have ever faced in a shooting war."

Dulles, former Republican U. S. senator and one-time U. S. delegate to the United Nations, issued his statement after his appointment was announced in Washington.

"It is time to rally from a frustrating confusion that has its roots in mistakes of the past rather than in the circumstances of the present," he said.

Dulles said he was "in full accord" with recent speeches in which Secretary of State Acheson discussed Soviet-American tensions.

"The United States is engaged in a cold war," said Dulles, an international lawyer, and a long-time foreign affairs advisor to New

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Sun Future Source Of Heat, Light, Power Is Theory

SEATTLE—(AP)—The sun — not atomic energy—will be the source of future heat, light and power, a prominent engineering executive believes.

Frank R. Benedict, manager of headquarters engineering for the Westinghouse Electric Corp., at Pittsburgh, Pa., told Seattle Rotary club members:

"Solar radiation alone shows promise of providing all our future requirements of heat, light and power."

Benedict said he discounted future broad scale applications of atomic power because of the limit-

ed amounts of the two fissionable elements—uranium and thorium. Principal block to putting the sun to work is the need for a means of capturing the energy now lost when the sun's rays are reflected off the earth's surface.

One means of doing this, he said, is "the old magnifying glass principle."

"In this way sunlight can be concentrated about 50,000 times to produce very high-temperature furnaces. Russia is reported to have a solar boiler operating with superheated steam at almost 900 degrees Fahrenheit."

Court Takes Child Actress From Foster Parents

LOS ANGELES, April 7.—(AP)—Movie moppet Lara Lee Michel, center of a bitter custody row, was taken from her foster parents Thursday by a juvenile court judge.

The jurist, A. A. Scott, announced his decision that Lara Lee, nine, a \$100-a-day child actress, must in the future live a normal life and "play with other kids" as she wanted.

The glamor is being taken out of this child," he said, "and she finally is beginning to live a nor-

mal child's life."

She has been in juvenile hall, a county home, since she ran away for the second time from Otto Michel, 61, and his wife, Mrs. Lorraine Michel, 35, who adopted her in Texas in 1945.

The judge said Lara Lee will be placed in a temporary foster home after she has made "a proper readjustment," and ultimately may be placed for permanent adoption.

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