

## Reorganization Of Schools Dated As Radio Topic

"School Reorganization in Oregon" will be explained by Kenneth Barneburg, county superintendent of schools, on the PTA broadcast, "Talking It Over," on KRRR at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6.

Barneburg is scheduled to elaborate on this subject at a later date for a regular meeting of the Douglas County Council of Parent-Teacher associations.

PTA is working toward "building a firm foundation for the citizen child," and for this reason

is making an effort to supply factual information about educational possibilities to the people of this area, said Mrs. N. D. Johnson, radio chairman.

On the following Thursday, Dec. 13, the Parent-Teacher association's program over KRRR will be a discussion of "Gift Books for Christmas Giving," in which Mrs. Kenneth Bushey, council president, will interview Mrs. W. A. Gilchrist, council library service chairman.

## Disability Pay Awarded By Jury

A circuit court jury awarded Edgar R. Keith compensation payments for 65 percent disability of an arm in a suit brought against the state industrial accident commission.

Keith had asked for 100 percent disability payments. He said the disability was the result of a log pond accident July 14, 1950.

A motion by the defendant C. G. and H. Lumber company for judgment, notwithstanding the verdict or for new trial, was filed Tuesday in circuit court.

A jury on Nov. 28 had awarded Paul G. Gross recovery of \$1,725 allegedly owed for purchase of truck and crane by the lumber company.

Thomas H. Ireland and the Hartford Fire Insurance company filed suit Tuesday against Richard Pence for damages totaling \$191.60 on a highway accident July 20, 1951.

The state highway commission filed a complaint Tuesday against H. L. and Della Mooney and Marion and Nancy E. Mooney for condemnation of property for relocation of a section of the coast highway.

## LEGION AUXILIARY MEETS

The American Legion auxiliary unit No. 16 will sponsor a booth at the Indian theater Dec. 6-7-8-9 for "Gifts for the Yanks Who Gave." Members of the unit will have charge of the booth during the four days to receive contributions from the public.

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## Bus Hits Marching Boys; 23 Killed 19 Injured

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have gone to the company offices today to receive a medal awarded him for 25 years of safe driving. Police declined to say how fast the bus was going. Neither would they speculate on why it did not swing around the marching column.

The cadets were one of several groups of local schoolboys organized by the marine corps and the navy to extend knowledge of naval life, which is of high interest in Chatham. The town of 45,000 lies on the Thames river 35 miles east of London. It is Britain's biggest naval arsenal and has been a major naval base since King Henry VIII founded the British navy nearly 400 years ago.

## Smallest Boys Unhurt

Only those in a few front rows of the marching boys escaped death or painful injury. The marching order put an ironic premium on being little, for the boys had been lined up by size, with the smallest in front. The oldest and biggest boys, marching in the rear, caught the full impact of the heavy vehicle.

War toughened tars, hardened to the sight of violent death, wept as they helped gather up the little bodies.

Chatham road safety officials asked Peter Freeman, member of a road safety committee in the House of Commons, to request Prime Minister Churchill to set up a full investigation of the tragedy.

## Preliminary Hearing Dated For Lou Franco

A preliminary hearing to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to hold band leader Lou Franco for grand jury action on an attempted rape charge has tentatively been set for Tuesday of next week, according to District Attorney Robert G. Davis.

## BOARD MEETS

The executive board of the Roseburg Woman's club and the Junior Woman's club council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, in the new clubhouse. Mrs. Earl Plummer, president of the senior club, has requested all members to attend as important business will be discussed.

## Classification Of Turkeys Continues At Show Today

Classification of turkeys began Tuesday at the Northwestern Turkey show being held at the Douglas county fairgrounds.

Judging of live and dressed classes will continue today, and the championship breeder display and special classes will be judged at 9 a.m. Thursday.

At 1 p.m. Thursday, the grand

## Educated Chicken Gives Kiwanians Lesson In Poker

Don't play poker with a chicken! That was the lesson three Kiwanians learned Tuesday, when they got into a hand with Biddy. Biddy, by way of explanation, is one of two "educated" chickens currently performing at the Northwestern Turkey show at Roseburg. They have been brought here by Clarence Bailey of General Mills Portland office.

Biddy, to the amazement of watching Kiwanians, selected four aces and a king for her hand, while the best any of her competitors could select in the "poker" game was a pair.

The educated hen chose her hand by pecking at one of four cards in each of a series of five cards placed upright on a card board on the table.

The card trick was only one of several stunts performed by Biddy and Slim, her rooster companion, who answered questions of yes and no and counted, added and subtracted by pecking out his answers on a bell. He also knocked over a pile of plastic bowls, by grabbing the bottom one with his bill. Biddy also proved good at a new version of the "walnut shell-pea" guessing game, by selecting without failure the correct can under which a cup was placed. The selection was made correctly regardless of under which can the cup was placed.

With Bailey was Charley McFarren of Coos Bay and Ed Davis, president of the Northwestern Turkey Show, Inc., who spoke briefly on the show and asked public support.

A meeting of the new Kiwanis club board of directors was announced for Thursday at 8 p.m. in the chamber of commerce office.

## Consolidation Proposal To Be Aired At Meeting

A public meeting for the purpose of discussing the proposed consolidation of Roseburg with 11 adjacent districts will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Junior high school auditorium, announces Supt. Paul S. Elliott.

Elliott said speakers will outline the proposal, on which voters in the respective districts will vote Dec. 14, and that those in attendance will be given an opportunity to ask questions at an open forum.

## GIVEN OPERETTA ROLE

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene — Gordon Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford M. Howard, 707 So. Stephens St., Roseburg, will play the part of Daniel in the musical operetta, "The Devil and Daniel Webster," by Douglas Moore, scheduled for spring term at the university theater. The operetta an adaptation of a short story by Stephen Vincent Benet, first appeared in the Saturday Evening Post. Howard is a senior in speech.

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## Trucking Freight Rate Increase Recommended

WASHINGTON — An interstate Commerce commission examiner has recommended a four percent freight rate increase for some 250 trucking concerns operating in the Pacific northwest.

The examiner, Paul Coyle, said the trucking firms had established their need for higher rates in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Montana and a part of northern California.

The truckers had proposed the same six percent increase the ICC recently granted to railroads. However, Coyle held that the six percent boost was not warranted, but a four percent rate hike would be reasonable.

## Douglas County Lashed By 65 MPH Windstorm

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son Richfield service station at the South Roseburg Auto court was blown down.

A tree blew down damaging the front porch of Echo Gaddis' home on Douglas street between Jackson and Rose and another tree on the former Lillie Moore property Jackson and Rose fell against another tree, forcing closure of the street by city police until the tree could be removed.

A sign blew down at Riverside Motors, damaging three cars. The Crescent cleaners, signs on Fowler street was also blown down.

There was damage reported in Winston, Myrtle Creek, Riddle and Canyonville, and Sutherlin police department said Christmas street decorations in that city blew away.

## Minor Damage Elsewhere

Three patches of roofs were blown off the Riddle school, but the damage, fully covered by insurance, was repaired within 20 minutes. There was practically no water damage from the rain, and school is continuing today.

reports Chester Cook, principal. Also at Riddle two blower pipes were blown down at Pacific Lumber distributors and Riddle Manufacturing. A stack of lumber was knocked over at Harbor plywood, and a small gas pump shed blown over in the middle of town.

The Lilly's Market and Grocery roof was also damaged.

Other minor damage was also reported in the Riddle, Myrtle Creek and Canyonville areas, but the principal hardship was power outage in these communities. A large plate glass window at the Terminal general store in Myrtle Creek was shattered.

Several reports of windows being broken, including some windows at Benson school, were learned.

## New Velocity Mark Set

The weather bureau reported an all time measurable wind velocity of 40 miles an hour was set. This broke the previous record of 38 tied in November and set originally in January of 1944.

However gusts were measured up to 65 miles an hour. Since gust measurements must be taken manually, there is no exact record on file and it is possible the gusts were even stronger. The 40 MPH record as shown on the regular instruments was reported at 12:27.

## State Health Workers Dated For Conference

Dr. Edwards of the tuberculosis control division of the state board of health, and Miss Mary Jo Craft of the public health service, both of Salem, will be here Thursday for a conference at 2 p.m. with members of the Douglas County Health department and Douglas County Tuberculosis and Health association. The conference will be in connection with the chest X-ray survey scheduled about the middle of January.

## LOW-DOWN TREATMENT

AUBURN, Ind. — (AP) — Jesse Foote, a retired railroad man of Garrett, Ind., who filed suit for divorce here complained his wife, Hattie, had kept him out of all parts of their home but the cellar for three years.

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