

Local News

Visits Mother — Robert Norton of Beaverton was in Roseburg Monday visiting his mother, Mrs. Edith Norton.

Returns Home — Sharon Titus has returned to her home in Roseburg, after attending the Christian Church Camp at Point over the weekend.

Dig Clams — Mr. and Mrs. Ray Emery and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sullivan, all of Winchester, spent Sunday at Winchester Bay where they did some clam digging.

Visits Camp Tyee — The executive board of the Roseburg Camp Fire Council is driving to Camp Tyee this evening to visit and have dinner with the campers.

Here For Day — Mrs. G. J. Aspey of Riddle was in Roseburg Tuesday on business. She recently returned to her Riddle home following several weeks in Eugene receiving medical treatment.

Returns Home — Joe Lee Bagshaw, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bagshaw, arrived home Sunday by West Coast Airlines after spending a three-week vacation at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dolan, of Klamath Falls.

Here From Gaston — Mr. and Mrs. Orville Matteson and daughter, Barbara, of Gaston arrived last Thursday to visit for a time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Roark and family. The former will assist Mr. Roark in building a room on their home.

Return From Los Angeles — Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Downing have returned to their home on Fisher Road following a two-week vacation trip. They spent some time in Los Angeles and Lake Tahoe. They visited their son, Bud, who is 4-H farm advisor for Los Angeles County; and also their son, George, who is with the bureau of entomology of the state of California. While in Los Angeles, they attended a picnic reunion of 40 old friends of Mrs. Downing. Mr. Downing has returned to his work at the U.S. National Bank.

Will Arrive Here Sunday — Mr. and Mrs. Glen R. Miller of Farmington, N.M., are expected to arrive in Roseburg Sunday to spend two weeks vacationing and visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dillard, on Hawthorne Drive. The Millers, former Roseburg residents, moved from Durango, Colo., to Farmington last January. Since February, Mrs. Miller has been city treasurer. Mr. Miller is parts man with the Truck and Engine Supply Company in that city. They purchased a new home at 1105 Laguna Avenue in Farmington. Mrs. Miller is the former Jeanne Dillard.

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Back From Vacation — Miss Gloria Gaston returned to her home in Roseburg this weekend, following a vacation trip to Yreka and San Francisco, where she visited friends.

Go To Camp — Mrs. Charles Ostrander and Mrs. Jack Chapman drove to Camp Tyee Wednesday to bring the former's daughter, Sharon, home for the day to celebrate her birthday. Sharon is a counselor at camp.

Spend Day in Madford — Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Perry and daughter, Sharon, drove to Madford Sunday to see the Perrys' new grandson, Nicky LeRoy, who was recently born to the Perrys' son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Marcum. Mrs. Marcum was formerly Joanne Perry.

Visitors Leave — Mr. and Mrs. Deenan Giesel and daughter, Betty, and Miss Carolyn Urruh, all of Greenburg, Kan., have left for their home following a visit in Roseburg since July 17 with the Giesels' daughter, Mrs. Willis Koehn. They will return home via California.

Teacher To Meet — Douglas County unit of the Oregon Retired Teachers Assn. will meet Saturday, July 31, at 2 p.m. at the home of Irene and Olive Walker on Deer Creek Road. Miss Muriel Mitchell, Roseburg Public Librarian, will talk on hobbies. All members are asked to attend and be prepared to tell about their favorite hobby.

Back From Trip — Mr. and Mrs. Alton Stock of Yoncalla, Fred Dorfer of Oakridge and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Foster and daughter, Janet, of Roseburg have returned from a 10-day trip to Billings, Mont., where they visited relatives and friends. Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Stock are daughters of Mr. Dorfer.

Back From Lake Tahoe — Mr. and Mrs. Harlan B. Carter are back at their home on Military Street, Roseburg, following a five-day vacation spent at Lake Tahoe, where they were joined by their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Fredericks and son, Bobby, of Ventura, Calif., and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. Alan Weir, and sons, Mark and Craig, of San Francisco. Mrs. Fredericks is the former Shirley Carter, and Mrs. Weir was formerly Ann Carter of this city.

Leave For Fort Knox — Gordon Smith, his wife, and small son, Calvin, left Monday for Fort Knox, Ky., where he will be stationed. They recently arrived in Roseburg from Alaska, where he was serving with the Army. They visited here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith, on Ramp Road. Also visiting at the Herbert Smith home is her father, Henry Lettereste, of Broadwater, Neb., who is 88 years old. Other weekend guests of the Smiths were Mr. and Mrs. George Rowe and family of Happy Camp, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stevens and family of Mt. Vernon, Wash.

School Growth Adds Cash Worry As Basic Support Increase Seen

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. SALEM (AP) — Some of the Oregon Legislature's financial experts are hollering about the high cost of education, as they worry about how the 1955 Legislature will balance the budget.

Now, the school officials come up with figures to show that educational costs are going to mount even faster.

It's all because there are so many more kids, and because the cost of education, like all other costs, is subject to inflation. The state's aid to school districts, based on \$80 per year for each child 4 years old through 19, amounts to \$3 million dollars a year now, compared with only 16 million seven years ago, when basic school aid first was granted. The total appropriation for the current two-year budget period is 66 million. The next Legislature will be called on to increase it to 71 million, which would still be paying \$80 per child.

\$77 Million Needed The 1957 Legislature would have to appropriate 77 million, and in 1959, the figure would rise to more than 84 million, to continue state aid on the same basis.

That scares a Legislature which is faced with higher costs and shrinking tax revenues. In 1953, the Legislature appropriated a total of 193 million dollars, and almost a third of that goes to school districts.

Under the theory of basic school support, the state is supposed to

pay half the cost of education, with the school districts paying the other half.

School people point out that the state now pays only 40 per cent of the cost, and some of them would like to see the \$80 per child formula increased in order to make the ratio 50-50.

Some legislators, however, advocated in 1953 that basic school support be reduced. But most lawmakers are reluctant to do this, since the people themselves voted the \$80 per child aid. The legislators don't often tamper with legislation voted by the people.

Restrictions Under Study Those who want to reduce the amount of state school support propose to do it by paying the \$80 per child only on the basis of children who are in school, and thus discarding the payments for children 4 through 19 years of age.

This change, of course, would make the school districts pay a bigger share of the costs, and they could do it only by increasing property taxes.

On the other hand, if the state continues to pay at the present rate, it's going to have to find some new tax sources.

Regardless of the outcome, the taxpayer will have to pay it, whether he pays it to the state, or to his school district.

But that isn't all the bad news that the school officials have for the taxpayers.

A survey just completed says that Oregon will need 3,453 new

classrooms for grade and high schools between now and 1959.

Those new rooms, plus needed reconstruction, will cost 100 million dollars.

New Classrooms Added Since March, 1951, Oregon's schools have added 1,962 new classrooms, and 512 others now are being built.

Where that 100 millions will come from, nobody knows. But school administrators say they must get it in order to educate Oregon's children.

To get back to the state's basic school aid, 5.6 per cent of it now is being used to transport children to and from schools in buses. And this percentage is likely to rise.

One reason for this increased transportation cost is that many school districts are consolidating with other districts. As the consolidated districts get bigger, the farther the pupils have to go to school.

Oregon now has 845 school districts, compared with 995 a year ago. Ten years ago, there were 1,748 districts, and 20 years ago the figure was 2,088.

Educational leaders point to this reduction as evidence that school boards are working hard for larger, more efficient districts.

In these past 10 years, the number of school children enrolled in grade and high schools has increased from 234,000 to 315,000.

In 1939, when school officials say that Oregon will need the 100 millions of new construction, the school population will be almost 400,000.

President To Back Supporters

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower told newsmen he will support in the coming congressional campaign only those candidates who, in general, support his principles. But he stressed he will not insist on 100 per cent backing.

Eisenhower told a news conference that when a Republican candidate seeks his support he has something of a check made to see if the candidate agrees with him on important things.

This support, he stressed, does not have to be 100 per cent. There is room for disagreement. But he said he does believe important principles must be observed.

Asked whether presidential support has been denied any candidate who asked for it, the President said, he doesn't know—that he is not sure whether his advisers may have turned away any petitioners for support.

A reporter asked what about Sen. Cooper (R-Ky) who opposed the administration on paria of atomic energy legislation. Cooper thought wrong, Eisenhower said he thinks Cooper

is mistaken in that field but praised him as a perfectly honest man with a Senate record he couldn't possibly criticize. He said with a laugh that if anyone was trying to get him to come out against Cooper it was a waste of time. Former Vice President Alben W. Barkley is seeking Cooper's seat.

The President also voiced a liking and admiration for Texas Democratic Gov. Allan Shivers, who is trying to get him to come out against Cooper for a third term and now is involved in a runoff election next month.

A reporter noted Shivers had supported Republican candidate Eisenhower in 1952, and also told the President that five Texas Democratic congressmen "who like Ike" now are out of Congress or on the way out.

Did the President care to analyze this situation? The reporter asked.

No, replied the President good humoredly. He added that it's in the atomic energy legislation, the Democratic Party.

Fiedler Baby's Death Caused By Asphyxiation

A report from Dr. Homer D. Harris of the University of Oregon's Medical School crime detection laboratory shows William Curtis Fiedler, 6-week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George I. Fiedler of Roseburg, died of asphyxiation.

The report was received Wednesday by Coroner L. L. Powers, who sent specimens to the laboratory after the child's death last Thursday. The baby was found dead in his crib Thursday morning.

The report from Harris said the asphyxiation had been caused by a malfunction of the stomach, due to "terminal aspiration of stomach contents."

Boy Shuts Car Window, Dies Of Suffocation

DOWNNEY, Calif. (AP)—Mrs. Frances Reichle put her 3-year-old son into the family automobile when she got ready to clean her house Wednesday. The temperature was 90 degrees, so she rolled down the car windows to make the boy, Robert, more comfortable.

An hour later, Mrs. Reichle returned to the car. The windows were closed. Apparently the boy had rolled them up. Robert was unconscious on the seat.

At Maywood Hospital he was pronounced dead of suffocation.

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BLESSING THE FAITHFUL—This unusual photo shows Pope Pius XII standing before his gestatorial chair as he is carried into one of the Vatican's apostolic halls to bless crowds gathered there. The Pope will retire to his summer palace shortly.

Comic Book Halt Studied By Judge

PORTLAND (AP) — An Oregon-wide committee to study ways of halting newsstand sales of comic books which stress sex and horror is planned by Judge Donald E. Long of Portland.

Long, president of the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges, said the actual committee formation would be handled by the Juvenile Council of Oregon, an organization of probation and juvenile court counselors.

The national council has called the books under attack "destructive and deteriorating publications."

He said that he plans a separate inquiry into the reading and TV viewing habits of Multnomah County's juvenile delinquents and would ask the city school system to make a similar check to offer a comparison between all children and those who get into trouble.

Tele-fun by Warren Goodrich



Editorial Claims U. S. Intervention

TOKYO (AP) — Peiping radio asserted Thursday the United States was "intervening" in the case of the shot down British airliner "to create tension so as to drive a wedge between China and Britain, whose relations are being improved."

Peiping radio broadcast an editorial from Peoples Daily, organ of the Chinese Communist Party, denouncing the shooting down Sunday of two Red planes by U. S. carrier planes as a "savage act of aggression."

The editorial made no mention of two protests to Peiping from the U. S. State Department. One protested the shooting down of the airliner off Hainan Island Friday. Three of six Americans aboard are missing and presumed dead. The other note charged the two Red

Parties To Nominate To Fill Hitchcock Post

SALEM (AP) — The Republican and Democratic State Central Committees will nominate candidates for the two-year unexpired term of State Sen. Philip S. Hitchcock, Klamath Falls Republican, Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton ruled.

Hitchcock, whose district includes Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake counties, resigned to accept a position with Lewis and Clark College in Portland.

The opinion was asked by Secretary of State Earl T. Newbery.

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