

Redistribution Of Basic School Fund Given Study

Roseburg School Supt. M. C. Deller was in Salem this week to meet with other Oregon superintendents to lay plans for an effort at redistribution of the basic school fund.

Such a step would have to be made through the state Legislature. But the superintendents are working on formulation of an articulate plan for presentation to the Legislature.

Deller explains that the need for redistribution of the basic school fund is considered necessary for a more equitable distribution of funds among the poorer districts of the state. He included Roseburg as one of those poorer districts.

One of the reports made at the superintendents' meeting showed that the present distribution method is based on flat per pupil and per teacher grants. As populations have grown, more and more money has gone to fulfill these flat grants. This has cut down the portion of the fund which was used for equalization purposes. (Deller explained this equalization portion was to be used to aid districts financially so any one district would find it no harder to achieve basic minimum standards than another. The standard program is set at \$1.15 per pupil-day.)

Deller continued that as the equalization fund became smaller, poorer districts have been receiving less and less. This means that a district such as Roseburg's for instance, has to levy a higher tax in order to provide the minimum program, he related.

The superintendents hope to correct this by bringing about legislation for a different method of distribution which will make equalization more effective.

President Makes Plea For Bi-Partisan Harmony

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people from the catastrophe of a nuclear holocaust, free nations must maintain countervailing military power to persuade the Communists of the futility of seeking their ends through aggression."

The President's prepared 7,800-word message, carried nationwide on television and radio, contained no real surprises. Much of the legislative program he outlined for the year ahead already had been announced by the White House or disclosed by other sources. Much of it was a renewal of previous requests not granted by Congress.

Eisenhower held out no hope for tax cuts this year and repeated that he wants postponement of excise and corporation tax reductions now scheduled for April 1. They total about three billion dollars yearly and both Democratic and Republican leaders have predicted Congress will vote a postponement.

The President said he is hopeful the reductions can be made next year.

He called for emphasis on modern air power in readying the nation for any attack, and for "reduction of forces in certain categories"—an obvious reference to the cuts planned in Army, Navy and Marine manpower.

On the domestic front, there was a formal call for hiking the 75-cent minimum wage to 90 cents an hour. That would mean a pay raise for 1,300,000 workers now covered by the minimum act who are earning between 75 and 90 cents an hour.

So far as the general administration program is concerned, the new aspect this year is that Eisenhower must count even more heavily on the Democrats—now in control of Congress—for a big measure of cooperation in getting it enacted.

Democratic leaders already have pledged cooperation in the foreign policy and national defense fields, and the President noted today that he has "already... expressed assurances of unreserved cooperation" in those areas.

There has been no such exchange of pledges on domestic issues, but Eisenhower declared that "the strength of our country" requires teamwork on a broad scale.

With Democrats and Republicans alike casting an eye ahead to the 1956 elections, Eisenhower put it this way: "Our quest for peace and freedom necessarily presumes that we must rise above self and sectionalism who hold positions of public trust that we must subordinate to the general good our partisan, our personal pride and prejudice. Tirelessly, with united purpose, we must fortify the material and spiritual foundations of this land of freedom and of free nations throughout the world."

"As never before, there is need for unhesitating cooperation among the branches of our government. "At this time the executive and legislative branches are under management of different political parties. This fact places both parties on trial before the American people."

"In less perilous days of the past, division of governmental responsibility among our great parties has produced a paralyzing indecision. We must not let this happen in our time. We must avoid a paralysis of the will for peace and international security."

Symphony Orchestra To Resume Rehearsals

The Roseburg Symphony Orchestra will resume rehearsals starting at 8 o'clock tonight at the band room of the high school, according to Director Wendell Johnson.

The orchestra dropped rehearsals during the holidays. The orchestra is preparing for its second season concert, which is scheduled the latter part of February.



Rev. Schlatter Resigns Pastorate Of Church Here

The Rev. H. A. Schlatter has resigned his pastorate at the First Church of God in Roseburg, it was announced Wednesday.

He gave the reason for his resignation as the ill health of his wife. The Rev. Mr. Schlatter has been active in the ministry for 42 years. His resignation ends his sixth pastorate which he took up in 1950. No replacement has been named.

Although he is quitting the active pastorate, he reports he will merely pare his activities in the church. He will continue his residence in Roseburg and will hold evangelistic meetings and conduct church lectures. He will also retain his membership in the various Church of God organizations, the West Coast Ministerial Assn., Oregon State Church of God Evangelistic Committee, Southern Oregon Camp Meeting Committee and Secretary of Registration of the Church of God Committee.

Several advancements have been noted under his leadership in Roseburg. The congregation has increased, the church building has been moved to a larger and more satisfactory site (1951), a tabernacle with Sunday school rooms has been constructed and the old section was remodeled.

Both the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Schlatter have gained considerable attention among the West Coast states for their religious leadership.

Land Donated For Road Use

Included among several transactions by the county court Wednesday was an order and resolution donating a right-of-way strip of land along the South Umpqua Road to the government.

The parcel, about 20 miles northeast of Tillamook, was donated for public road purposes in line with improvements in cooperation with the Forest Service. A quitclaim deed on the property was accepted from Nicholas and Ethel Andrieff for \$1,000.

In other court activity, an agreement was signed with Clifford Thiel providing payment of \$250 for field notes and other documents pertaining to surveys made in the county which were in possession of Thiel's father, Oscar F. Thiel. The material is to be turned over to the county assessor.

The News-Review and the Myrtle Creek Mail have been designated official publications for county court proceedings and for claims allowed by the court for 1955. The order renewing the designation notes the News-Review has the most subscribers in the county, the Mail the next largest number.

Brochure Will Inform Voters On Bond Issue

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ers 10 cents a week or 40 cents a month. Estimated mileage for the elementary school is \$25; for the junior high school \$17.

Using another illustration, the superintendent has taken a sample case of an assessed property. "If your property is assessed for tax purposes at \$1,000," Deller said, "this bond issue will cost you \$240 per year. The yearly sums would double if the assessment value also doubled. An average home, according to Deller, is assessed for around \$2,000."

Within the information brochure appears the complete story of the need for Huerfano and the why of the additions to the junior high school. The latter is illustrated with floor plans showing current school size, what is requested and the future third phase of the building.

The need is told in a simple, readable fashion. The next chapter lies with District 4 voters Tuesday.

Public Meeting Stated To Discuss Bond Issue

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vide these facilities as outlined by Supt. M. C. Deller: (1) Completion of the library; (2) expanded cafeteria facilities; (3) two academic classrooms; (4) hall and locker space; (5) lavatory facilities; (6) physical education addition; (7) guidance and conference needs; and (8) grounds improvement.

Currently, the students use the present multi-purpose room (cafeteria) for their physical education program. School administrators point out it was not designed to serve as a gymnasium and subsequently lacks several needed facilities.

The bond item would provide dressing rooms, basket room, showers, adequate physical education floor space, storage facilities and a towel room for proper handling of supplies.

Probation Granted T. K. Romaine, 46, For Embezzlement

A former Morrison-Knudsen Co. paymaster received a one-year probation sentence, but was granted probation on condition he stay out of more trouble, when he pleaded guilty in Douglas County Circuit Court Wednesday to an embezzlement charge.

Judge Carl E. Wimberly imposed the sentence on T. K. Romaine, 46, now an employee of the City of Clarksville, Tenn., tax department. Romaine will be allowed to go back to his job in Clarksville. He returned here voluntarily to face the charge. He assured the judge, "I have learned my lesson."

Dist. Atty. Robert M. Stults told the court Romaine allegedly embezzled \$3,700.82 over a period of time while working for the company at a California Oregon Power Co. construction project on the North Umpqua River. Largest amount said to have been converted to his own use at one time was about \$100.

He was charged with carrying the names of short-time employees on his books longer than actual employment, then cashing the check made for the non-existent "wages earned" by the employee no longer on the job.

It was pointed out that he was fired after the company learned of the matter. The slipup came when an employee who had worked only a couple of days objected to paying income tax on a W-2 form which showed more than \$30 earned.

Defense attorney Dudley C. Walton pointed out that Romaine had done very satisfactory work for the company for 14 years, that the defendant had never been in trouble before. He had a sheaf of recommendations from ministers and various other persons attesting to the good character of Romaine.

Romaine also promised to make full restitution for the money taken. He has already repaid more than half of it.

Romaine was one of six persons secretly indicted by the grand jury a month ago. He was arrested in Clarksville about a week later.

Land Reclassification Opposed At Meeting

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to burn over land, when the land is burnable?" "What prompted the Legislative's action in 1953?" "Can we help run the DFPA, if we pay for the protection?"

Forester Vance Morrison pointed out the '53 Legislature acted under the Land Use Classification Act passed in 1937. He said little had been done before the 1953 move, making classification mandatory. Many opined it wasn't the forestry department they disagreed with, (if they were sure they disagreed, state they were not).

Artie Rep. V. T. Jackson, a member of the Legislature which passed the law, was present to comment. "I feel five cents an acre was doggone cheap insurance when we passed the law," Rep Jackson said. (If no land owner negligence is proved following a fire which spreads to another area and conceivably burns a million board feet of timber, the owner of the land where the fire started cannot be assessed damages). He could be sued, however, Jackson said.

The representative said he still felt the law was pretty good insurance since it put the burden of fire extinguishing on the fire patrol. He urged owners to view the law on a long range basis.

"If I'm wrong, tell me," he said, "for the Legislature can change an unjust law." Rep. John Amacher, a member of the forestry committee which sponsored the bill, was unable to attend the session.

Earlier state forestry spokesman Frank Hamilton told the audience it would get fire protection furnished by a protection agency. (In this area the Douglas Forest Protective Assn.) Owners will also receive advice on burning, supervisory assistance on actual burning and "an insurance against damage suits if the fire starts on your land," Hamilton said.

The DFPA plan to expand its services. DFPA Supervisor Fred Southwick told Morrison the expansion would include: (1) One extra warden at Yoncalla; (2) one extra warden at the South Douglas station; (3) a three-man suppression crew added at the Roseburg station; and (4) one jeep pumper unit.

It was the forestry department members' opinions land owners previously received (perhaps unknowingly) fire protection they had not paid for. Cost on regular timber land has run around 17 cents per acre this year and as high as 19 cents, they said.

One added expense faced some land owners. They were in for a 10-year period of paying off an accumulated 18-month backlog of fire protection provided by the protection agencies prior to the new classification. It would amount, said the department representatives, to about .021 cents per acre. It did not apply to persons getting protection for the first time, however.

Youths Admit Stealing 7 Cars; Penalty

Two youths who admitted stealing seven cars after leaving Ft. Ord, Calif., and heading for Seattle were handed one-year sentences by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly Wednesday.

Billy Ray Hofffield, 19, Denver, and Roy Walter Wendi, 17, Seattle, were charged specifically with larceny of personal property over \$75 in connection with the theft of a car belonging to Judith L. Babbitt of Myrtle Creek on Dec. 14.

Their flight toward Seattle ended abruptly in Douglas County. They were AWOL from Ft. Ord at the time of their arrest.

The pair pleaded guilty on Dec. 23 when arraigned by Dep. Dist Don H. Sanders. Judge Wimberly held up sentencing until the records of the youths could be checked.



NEW ASSOCIATION OFFICERS for the Oregon Gasoline Dealers are, from left: Harold (Pete) Whitney, president; Ben Hollyburton, Les Hufstader and Vic Milnes, all vice presidents. (Paul Jenkins Picture).

Oregon Gasoline Dealers Elect, Discuss Many Topics

Ernie Barker, the first president of the Oregon Gasoline Dealers Assn., stepped down Wednesday to hand the gavel to the association's second president.

Elected to the presidency was Harold (Pete) Whitney of Eugene. Other new officers are: Ben Hollyburton, Portland, first vice president; Les Hufstader, Bend, second vice president; Vic Milnes, Medford, third vice president; and Roy Berger, Eugene, secretary-treasurer.

The association state convention drew about 80 representatives from over the state. They represent about 1,200 member stations.

Most of Wednesday was spent in business sessions. The chief order of discussion centered around tightening the organization on a state-wide basis. Also touched on was a tentative state proposal to levy another two cents on each gallon of gasoline to increase revenue for highway construction. Final discussions and resolutions are expected to be made at the Thursday closing session. The association will also determine the site and date for the next convention.

A host of helpful hints on organization came from one of the featured speakers Wednesday night at the Elks Lodge ballroom. J. L. Kincaid, secretary-manager of the Automotive Retailers Assn. of British Columbia went into considerable detail describing the association which covers retail distributors in British Columbia.

The former Royal Canadian Air Force flyer said the association had proved an invaluable aid in equalizing prices, improving service and handling problems of member retail outlets. The association even includes its own group insurance plan, employment features and apprentice and service station attendant training.

Kenard indicated he would like to see an alliance of the similar state retail outlet associations on the coast. This would include Oregon, Washington, California and British Columbia. Three of the four areas were represented. Two other members of the ARA were on hand, as was Harold W. Johnson of Walla Walla, president of the Washington organization.

Much statistical work and planning are necessary between the two dates, Supt. Kenneth F. Barneburg points out. Barneburg attended a special Yoncalla Elementary board meeting Tuesday night, and Wednesday night he met with Umpqua School board members to help arrange temporary housing for students until two new rooms are added to the school. The district recently approved a bond issue for construction of the rooms, but they will probably not be ready for use by next September.

Hospital News

Douglas Community Hospital

Admitted: Mrs. Chester Nordling, Jake Leicht, Roseburg.

Discharged: Betty McMurry, Donna Fuchs, Mrs. Kenneth Cloake, Mrs. Bernice Astry, Roseburg.

Mercy Hospital Admitted: Mrs. Spence Wolsey, Roseburg.

Medical: Diane Rogan, Roseburg.

Discharged: Arthur Tuck, Elaine Reber, Gregory Krewson, Mrs. Helen Westra, Roseburg; Eric Thomlinson, Mrs. Andy Rush, Sutherlin; Mrs. Gerald Burton, Dillard.

Air Force Reserves Hear Report From Hemingway

Capt. Donald P. Hemingway of Medford reported on the status of Air Force Reserve matters at a Flight A, 9415th Squadron, Roseburg.

Hemingway, liaison officer for the 9091st Group, also told 21 airmen and officers assembled at the Air Reserve Training Center of a 4th Air Force inspection slated Feb. 16. He announced that membership pictures for identification cards can arrange for them when he visits here next month.

Capt. Norburn Whittington presented a training lecture on "Factors of National Power." Capt. R. M. Beardsley, flight commander, said the next meeting will be held Jan. 19 at the center, 904 S. Stephens St.

BANKS TO EXPAND

SAN FRANCISCO — Transamerica Corp. Wednesday announced the appointment of two new vice presidents to expand the holding company's banking department.

They are Oscar H. Keller, presently executive vice president and cashier of the First National Bank of Portland, Ore., and C. T. Chandler, executive vice president of the National Bank of Tacoma, Wash. Transamerica subsidiaries.

FALSE ALARM

Residents living north of Roseburg called the Roseburg Rural Fire Dept. shortly before 8 a.m. Thursday to report several sheds were burning along the new highway. Firemen said the fires had been set by construction firm workers who were burning the sheds which were no longer in use.

Californians Spend Holidays Visiting Dillard Residents

By ROSA HEINBACH
Out-of-town guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gibson of Dillard over the holidays were the latter's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde James, their two sons, Judd and Charles and their friend Nancy, from Lodi, Calif.

The group were en route home from Tacoma where they met Clyde James Jr., who was being shipped overseas in the medical corps of the Army. Also arriving for the large family gathering were Jack Gibson's two sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Waggle and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Waggle from Crescent City, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Thiessen.

Children Visit
When the Waggle's returned to their home in Crescent City Sunday they took with them the Jack Gibson's three children, Jackie, Gloria and Carl. The Gibsons went to Crescent city to spend New Year's. They brought their children home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Godfrey went to Astoria to spend Christmas with Mrs. Godfrey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fitcha and her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Erling Fitcha. They report their trip up the coast was very hazardous with ice and snow on the highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Losson White and family recently moved here from White Salmon, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Chester East entertained on Christmas Day, having their relatives for a family reunion. Their guests were the latter's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Mincher and children, Kathy, T. Ray and Donny; Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey White and Vickie, Mr. and Mrs. Losson White and children, recently from White Salmon, and Harvey Duke and children, Willard and Louise, from Sutherlin.

Many Holiday Guests
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Godfrey had as their guests on Christmas Day their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Haines and son Albert Jr. and Haines' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Haines, from Corvallis; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brown and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Godfrey and family, Robert, George, Don and Mike. George Godfrey went home with the Corvallis friends for a week's vacation.

Mrs. Vollet Pobuda arrived from Chelan, Wash., Thursday to visit their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cook and Floyd, Sue and Jerry. She will also visit her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hill and sons in Winston.

AFL NW Council Recommends Pay Raise Acceptance

PORTLAND — The Northwestern Council of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union Wednesday recommended acceptance of a 7 1/2-cent hourly pay boost proposed by a governors' fact-finding panel.

The panel, set up by the governors of Oregon and Washington last September to study causes of the summer-long strike in the Douglas fir region, recommended last month that contracts be renewed to April 1, 1956 with a pay hike of 7 1/2 cents an hour.

The CIO Woodworkers earlier also approved this and recommended that locals and area groups negotiate with employers on that basis. Several since have sided up. Some of the larger employer negotiating groups have scheduled meetings to consider the proposal and there has been no indication of refusal to ratify.

The Douglas fir industry was struck through the summer in a union demand for an increase of 12 1/2 cents. Employers proposed renewal of contracts without change. The pay scale varies widely but the base minimum is around \$1.84 1/2. When the panel was formed, the men went back to work to await its recommendation which both unions and employers agreed to consider but not to be bound by.

Earnest Pearson Files Bankruptcy

PORTLAND — Earnest Albert Pearson, Roseburg, listing debts of \$189,452 and assets of \$10,350, has filed a voluntary bankruptcy petition with the federal bankruptcy referee here.

Pearson, who listed his present occupation as an oil salesman, said that in 1952 and 1953 he operated E. A. Pearson Motors and that from 1948 to 1952 he headed E. A. Pearson General Petroleum Distributor.

The petitioner said he had no income in 1953 and 1954. Among debts he listed are personal injury claims in Douglas County circuit court stemming from an automobile accident. Claimants are Cecelia A. Wicklum, \$78,553, and Lyle E. Caytoy, \$56,500.

Other listed liabilities include a court judgment of \$2,802 obtained by General Petroleum Corp.; two notes, each for \$15,000, held by M. L. Hallmark, and \$4,618 in unpaid federal withholding taxes. Claimed assets included \$2,000 in real estate and \$6,152 due in unpaid accounts.

BIDS LOW ON JOB


PORTLAND — California Steel Products Co., Richmond, Calif., at \$282,600, was low of 28 bidders Tuesday for a project at the Dunes Dam on the Columbia River.

Statement of Condition DECEMBER 31, 1954

THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK of Portland, Oregon

RESOURCES	
Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	\$159,702,209.17
United States Government Bonds	297,820,374.85
Municipal and Other Bonds	70,099,756.62
Loans and Discounts—Net	270,178,235.81
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,080,000.00
Bank Premises (Including Branches)	8,847,580.72
Customers' Liability on Acceptances	461,442.58
Interest Earned	2,582,269.47
Other Resources	101,160.31
	\$810,873,029.53
LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$ 18,000,000.00
Surplus	18,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	18,047,878.49
	\$ 54,047,878.49
Reserves for Interest, Taxes, etc.	4,126,458.01
Acceptances	461,442.58
Dividends Declared	511,200.00
Deposits	748,300,328.57
Interest Collected Not Earned	3,424,341.55
Other Liabilities	1,380.33
	\$810,873,029.53

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