

State Dept. Approves Reedsport School Plans

Plans to improve the Pioneer school, Reedsport, for the 1956-57 school year have been approved by the State Dept. of Education. Information received from Walter O. Shold, supervisor of elementary education, stated objections for two major points in question had been clarified.

It has been the policy of the district to test all students in grades two through eight twice yearly. The results of the September examination are used to discover scholastic aptitudes of pupils and after diagnosing individual strengths or weakness to gear the program to the students needs.

The May examination is for the purpose of evaluation.

State Board Can Sell Or Lease Tide Lands

SALEM — The state Land Board can sell or lease tide overflow lands to the state Game Commission for boat slips without calling for bids, Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton ruled Wednesday.

Thornton also ruled that candidates for Lane County District Court constable must have lived within the Eugene constable district for six months before the election in order to qualify for the office.

MAGNATE TESTS STOMACH

LOS ANGELES — A tiny magnet that can be swallowed like a pill is being used by UCLA psychologists to study stomach disorders.

Every movement made by the magnet in response to stomach activity is recorded electronically. Researchers hope the new technique will lead to a better understanding of ulcers and disorders induced by psychological stress.

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CONGRESSMAN HARRIS ELLSWORTH, above right, greets Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Woodruff, who manned the Douglas County booth at the state fair in Salem this month. The booth was named by KOAC as the best of county exhibits at the fair. Below is a close up of Douglas County's exhibit.



REDS STRIKE SOUR NOTE
—Prized item for philatelists is the stamp shown, above, issued and hurriedly withdrawn by East German post office. Commemorating the 100th anniversary of death of German composer Robert Schumann, hand-executed manuscript in background is reproduction of a work of Franz Schubert. Stamp is appropriately imprinted in red.

Greyhound Head Predicts Rail Passenger End

CHICAGO — The president of the Greyhound Bus Corp. Wednesday predicted that "in 10 years, the railroads will have virtually abandoned the business of carrying passengers."

"The bus industry will be a billion dollar a year business—more than twice its present total—with in 10 years," Arthur S. Genet said in a prepared address at the annual convention of the National Assn. of Motor Bus Operators.

Genet forecast an expanding bus route system that would increase the number of communities entirely dependent upon buses for public transportation from 50,000 to 100,000.

About 7 1/2 million Americans over 65 years old get income from public Social Security programs.

Departure Of Pat Weaver Puzzle To TV Industry

By CHARLES MERCER
NEW YORK — The departure of Sylvester L. (Pat) Weaver as board chairman of the National Broadcasting Co. is significant of a trend in the television industry today.

Weaver, contemplating the past and the future in an interview, declined to spell out his reasons for resigning beyond his Friday statement: "My record couldn't be clearer. I leave it to the people in the industry to evaluate why I left."

They have. And this is what they see:

Weaver is the most creative intelligence yet to have wielded so

much executive power in television. A man of bold imagination, he declined to confine his ideas to table talk. He committed millions of dollars to creative ideas and, more than any single individual, caused the infant industry to grow. Under his leadership NBC-TV programming increased in length of time and depth of content — and achieved its present prestige.

Then why, ask people in television, did he resign? Must it not be that he felt the network was unwilling to continue the expansion of his ideas? If that is true, and most people feel it is true, it means that NBC as well as CBS, the other largest network, is concerned by spiraling TV production costs.

It means that the biggest networks are minding their financial meat and potatoes for a time. And that, in turn, means that the viewing public's home screen will not be greatly widened in the next year or two. This season's programming plans tend to support that theory.

NBC has had many executive purges in recent years, but it's generally agreed in the industry that Weaver is too big a figure to be purged. He must have re-

ENDORSE DEMOCRATS

CHICAGO — The General Board of the AFL-CIO Wednesday endorsed the Democratic national ticket of Adlai E. Stevenson and Estes Kefauver.

The board is made up of one official of each of the 145 AFL-CIO unions plus the 28 members of the AFL-CIO Executive Council, a total of 173.

It was a voice vote, with only a scattering of noes.

Bulge Around Man's Middle Curious Object

DETROIT — "Nobody knew what I had under my shirt," chuckled James Jaggars, a 70-year-old one-time circus man.

The bulge that made his fellow passengers on a city bus try not to stare was a seven-foot boa constrictor, weighing 25-30 pounds.

Jaggars and the snake were found in a downtown hotel at the end of a search that had led more than eight miles from a side show at the Michigan State Fair.

Lew Alter, 60, of Reading, Pa., who runs the side show, said Jaggars had asked him for the lend of the snake Tuesday. Alter said he told Jaggars to go away, which Jaggars did.

An hour later, the snake was also gone.

Police found Jaggars when someone in the downtown area noticed that the bulge under his shirt was a snake.

signed voluntarily over a matter of policy.

Weaver is not through with television, however. Stretched out comfortably in his Sands Point, Long Island, home, he said, "I'm trying to take the time to do out how the medium should develop the interests of the public."

His important role and vital personality always have attracted rumors as a mountain attracts clouds. Here are three rotating currently on the Madison Avenue-Rockefeller Plaza axis:

1. That Weaver will take a post with British commercial television.
2. That Weaver will form an agency of his own.
3. That Weaver will move to CBS.

"I have not been broached by CBS," he said, "and I don't expect to be. Under the circumstances it seems most unlikely."

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