

Yoncalla Budget Committee Seeks Work Estimates

Estimates on work and materials for the coming summer were called for during a preliminary school budget committee meeting at the Yoncalla elementary school recently, according to Mrs. George Edes, News-Review correspondent.

The budget committee consists of Delbert Dickey, Francis Cogswell, Wayne Rice, Don Wood and Clifford Rice.

A course in research materials in sciences will be taught by a University of Oregon faculty member to the elementary school staff as follow up to the elementary school science evaluation program.

The course will last approximately ten weeks and will be attended by all elementary school teachers and substitutes.

Reorganization of the elementary school library is nearing completion. The reorganized library will include a complete cataloging of all books, installation of a card catalog, installation of mobile cart and a new magazine case.



STARS AND STRIPES from World War I, the cherished prize of the late Jacob Robbins of Camas Valley, were donated to the Douglas Barracks 176, Veterans of World War I by his widow, Elsie. The veterans organization then donated the volumes of the army newspaper to the Douglas County Library. Shown accepting the file from Mrs. Robbins in behalf of the veterans group is Harry Rapp, commander of the Douglas Barracks.



AN UNUSUAL GIFT was presented to the Douglas County Public Library recently in the form of bound volumes of the Stars and Stripes, the U. S. Army newspaper, which were printed in France between Feb. 8, 1918, and June 13, 1919, during World War I. The papers were donated upon the request of the late Jacob Robbins of Camas Valley, a WWI veteran and member of the Douglas Barracks 176, Veterans of World War I. Shown making the presentation to Carol Trimble, county librarian, are Harry Rapp, commander of Douglas Barracks, and Elsie Robbins, Robbins' widow. (Photo-Lab)

Principal-Student Confab Set At OSC

Principals of 58 Oregon high schools, including Roseburg, have been invited to the Oregon State College campus Friday for interviews with former students on the subject of high school and college course offerings and counseling programs.

Sharon Minton and Diane Myers, 1957 graduates of Roseburg High and now freshmen at OSC, are in charge of arranging the campus interviews for Roseburg High.

The principal-student interviews were started six years ago by OSC as part of an evaluation of its counseling and evaluation program for new students. Under the program, principals have individual interviews with their graduates who are now attending OSC on the strong and weak points in high school offerings and OSC's new student orientation and counseling work.

Bewildered Mother Can't Figure Out Why Her Son Hurlled Girl To Her Death

NEW YORK — "How do you know that something has gone wrong — really wrong — with a boy?"

So wrong—in fact—that he lures a 7-year-old girl to a rooftop with a promise of 10 cents and a lollipop. Then flings her 13 stories to death, and says he doesn't know why he did it.

The question comes from the bewildered and grief-stricken mother of Francis Michael Medaille, 15, who has confessed the slaying of pretty little Aileen Hegmann who lived in the same apartment house.

Mrs. Margaret Medaille, 38, careworn working mother of nine, wonderingly asked newsmen Wednesday if they could explain why her son Mike did such a thing last Tuesday.

"What is the sign?" she asked as she sat in the living room with her husband, George. "Tell me, I don't know."

Lived Next Door

Only a flight of stairs in the Bronx apartment house separated the families of Mike and Kathleen and their separate griefs.

Neither family visited the other. But Mrs. Medaille's thoughts were on Kathleen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hegmann, as well as on her Mike.

"I would like to help pay the funeral expenses. I could borrow the money," said Mrs. Medaille.

"They have eight children and only the husband works. They're poor . . . poor. We're only medium poor."

Mrs. Rita Hegmann said later that she and her husband would turn down their neighbor's offer.

The father had just come home from court where Mike was held on a homicide charge. Medaille had stood at his son's side as Magistrate J. Randall Creel ordered the boy sent to Bellevue Hospital for observation. He had heard the judge warn: "If it is determined that the boy . . . knew the nature of the crime, he will burn in the electric chair."

SHOTS AT YONCALLA

Pupils at Yoncalla Union High School and the grade school will receive free Salk vaccine shots Friday. The shots will be administered by the Douglas County Health Department.

OSC Plant Pathologist Assigned To Philippines

CORVALLIS — Dr. Frank P. McWhorter, plant pathologist at Oregon State College, has been selected by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization for a special one-year assignment in the Philippine Islands.

McWhorter will leave in mid-March to work on the new tropical disease, cadang cadang, which is killing millions of coconut trees in the Philippine Islands and Malaya. Little is known about its cause.

Because 35 per cent of the total raw products income of the Philippines is from copra—the dried flesh of the coconut—the new disease poses a serious threat to the economy of that country, McWhorter said.

McWhorter has been at OSC since 1929 and works as a joint employee of the college and the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

World Prayer Day Observance Slated Here On Feb. 21

Roseburg will observe the annual World Day of Prayer Feb. 21. The announcement was made at this week's executive board meeting of the Roseburg Council of United Church Women by Mrs. Alfred S. Tyson, general chairman.

The observance will start at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. She said people who cannot attend would be asked to pause in their work for one minute of prayer at that time.

Church bells will sound the call to prayer. Each church affiliated with the council will participate in the program.

The World Day of Prayer came into being in the United States in 1887, the idea of a small group of Christian women. From that beginning, the annual observance has grown to recognition by an expected 25,000 communities this year.

The Roseburg Council sponsors three special days in Roseburg each year. World Day of Prayer is one of these, set aside for prayer and a call to offer for Christian missions at home and abroad.

At this week's meeting of the executive board, members also heard a report on the annual meeting of the United Church Women of the state. It was given by Mrs. B. P. Harmon. She devoted much of the report to the subject of the Oregon Migrant Ministry.

Seaton Claim Democrats Retarded Early Work On Guided Missiles In U. S.

PORTLAND — Secretary of Interior Seaton suggested Wednesday night that Democrats retarded this nation's early work in guided missiles and earth satellites.

Seaton told two Republican Lincoln Day dinners here that missile expert Werner Von Braun was asked how to account for Russia's ability to outstrip the United States in reaching into space.

"He said the answer lay in the fact that we had no ballistic missile program worth mentioning between 1945 and 1951," Seaton said.

The Democratic administration of Harry Truman budgeted no funds for missile development in the fiscal year 1950, Seaton said.

"In 1951-1953 the total budgeted for missiles was 3½ million dollars," Seaton said.

After the Eisenhower administration took office, Seaton said, 14 million dollars was allotted for missile research in 1954.

"In fiscal 1958 alone this administration is spending \$1,349,000,000 on missiles," Seaton said.

"In the first session of the present Congress," Seaton said, "the Democrats, who had always been big spenders suddenly became the economy party."

"They cut \$2,600,000,000 from the defense budget submitted by President Eisenhower, much of which would have gone for missiles," Seaton said.

He added: "They then criticize the President because the program is not further along. The difference must be that 1957 was not an election year, but 1958 is."

Seaton spoke first to 400 party workers at a \$3-a-plate fund raising dinner here. Then he spoke again to 300 persons who paid \$100-a-plate at another GOP fund-raising dinner.

Earlier at a press conference he said, as he has said before, that more electric capacity has been installed in the Columbia River Basin in the last 4½ years than in the previous 20. He said this was in answer to some claims that the administration has done nothing to develop more power.

Conservatives Suffer Defeat

LONDON — A shattering defeat in an election to fill a House of Commons vacancy cast gloom today over supporters of Britain's Conservative government.

The waning popularity of the Conservative rulers headed by Prime Minister Macmillan was pointed up dramatically in the north England textile city of Rochdale.

The Conservatives ran a poor third to both the opposition Labor party and the normally weak Liberals.

Final returns gave Laborite Jack McCann 22,123 votes, Liberal Ludwig Kennedy 17,603 and Conservative John Parkinson 9,827.

Conservative leaders had been reconciled in advance to loss of the election, but the magnitude of the defeat came as a surprise. In a straight Conservative-Labor fight in 1955, the Conservative candidate — who died recently — beat McCann 26,518 - 24,928.

Church Activities

DILLARD CHURCH BANQUET

A Valentine banquet and party with the theme, "An Evening in Paris," will be held in the social hall of the Dillard - Winston Methodist Church Friday evening.

The affair is for all adults, and will begin at 7 p.m. Bill Carr will be chef; Allan McLennan, head waiter, and Donald Simpson, master of ceremonies.



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