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IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

The Triplicate, Crescent City's sensational weekly, put itself in a peculiar position in this vicinity last week when one of its feature headlines stated "Cut Brookings Budget" with a report that the rural board had lopped off sums from the clerk's and principal's salaries.

Having published the budget asked by the local district and sent to the rural board, and having seen what the rural board did to the local budget, the Triplicate's implication is far from the truth.

The rural board refused a raise of grade school teacher salaries, but granted salaries for manual training and home economics teachers—and in the same movement, cut the budget to outfit these two courses. There were no cuts where the triplicate implied.

It is touching to know how much the Triplicate has tried to do about the Brookings school problems. To any reasoning person it is almost funny what emphasis this astute publication wishes to place upon matters which are no concern to it or its readers.

Two years hence, or perhaps before that, the local school will rival Crescent City in size—anyway half of the children of Curry county will be educated locally. Such statement is not a dream of one person, but is based upon facts as may be attested by records of the past.

The lumber industry is just starting. It doesn't take too much foresight to learn that. The 279 percent increase in school population of the past three years bears out this prediction for the future. This fact is not pleasant to the management of the Triplicate.

Curry county, one of the last frontiers of the west, or the nation for that matter, will develop more rapidly in the next few years than any other spot in the world. Indications bear this out, and in spite of itself, Curry county will experience some of the worst growing pains in 1948.

One would think, when many left the lily market in the past year that a slump would come in realty sales. Such is not so, and in reality, there seems to have been more of a boom. People are looking for homes. Owners are being asked on the streets if they wish to sell.

It is the prediction of the Pilot that property values may climb at least another 50% in the next year due to renewed lumber industry. Certainly building will undergo a boom.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kerr left last Saturday for San Francisco and other California points where they are searching for machinery to replace that damaged in the fire of a week ago. They expect to go north to Tacoma before returning home.

War talk which was so prevalent prior to the defeat of the communists in the recent Italian elections has subsided somewhat. Attention here now is centering on defense and preparedness plans. The argument as to whether we should increase our air strength up to seventy units, referred to as air groups, or compromise on some lesser figure, is long and heated. This question should be resolved finally by coordination of the various conflicting views in the three branches of our armed forces. The Congress should not attempt to pass final judgement on this technical military matter.

By way of bringing the matter to a head, the House passed a bill appropriating for seventy air groups, but it was known at the time the bill was passed by the House that our action was a starting point and for the purpose of indicating that at least so far as the House is concerned, it is willing to appropriate for an expanded air force. Senate action on the bill will undoubtedly be based on final recommendations from the Department of Defense. After the heads of that Department have come to some agreement.

The question of a renewed Selective Service law and Universal Military Training still looms

large in the defense discussion. There is considerable talk of combining the two ideas into some program which might be called "Selective Service and Secondary Training". In other words, the new draft would call men into service who would be placed in a training program.

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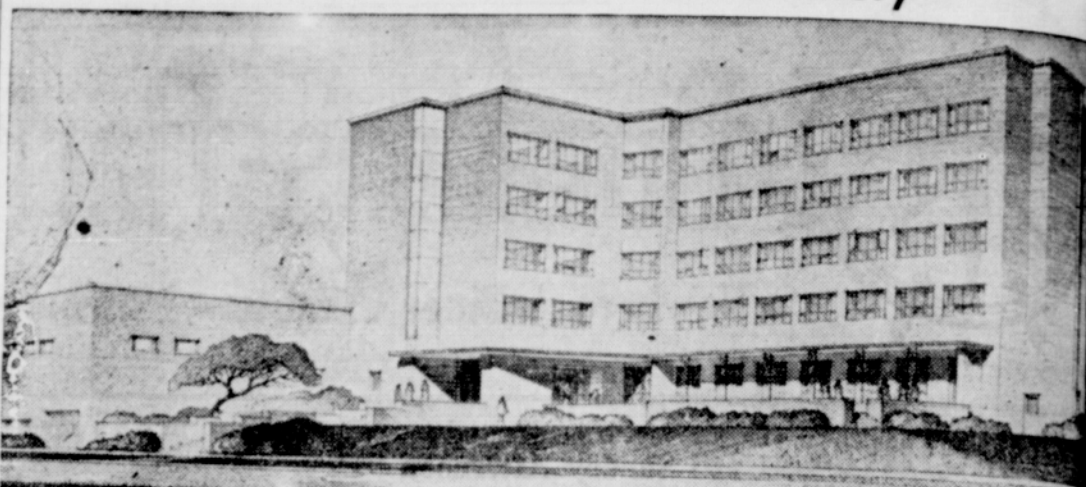
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U. Of O. Gets New Dormitory



University of Oregon, Eugene, May 1, (Special)—Construction of the University's new \$1,500,000 women's dormitory was under-

way this week following official ground breaking ceremonies. The building self-financed through dormitory earnings, will house

333 girls and is expected to be completed approximately a year to two. An artist's conception of the structure is shown here.



By Harris Elsworth

Congressional leaders have June 18th in mind as the date for adjournment of this session of Congress. That date is the Friday prior to the beginning of the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia. It is hoped that the world situation and conditions here at home will permit Congress to remain in recess at least until after the November elections.

The date of adjournment however will depend on the completion of the regular appropriations bills. The house has not yet acted on seven of these major bills. The senate cannot act on an appropriation bill until it has been cleared by the House. If we make the June 18th adjournment schedule, it will be necessary for both houses to complete action on an average of one appropriation bill per week. It may be possible to do this, but judgment from past experience, (my guess is that if we adjourn June 18th, many night sessions and Saturday sessions will be required between then and now.

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