

# WASHINGTON WEEK

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The bill which is generally referred to as the universal military training and selective service bill has been finally approved. The last action in the long legislative procedure of making a law is the approval of the report of house and senate conferees.

A bill is often drastically amended by one house after it has been passed by the other. A conference committee composed of ranking members from the proper legislative committees of both house and senate meets and adjusts the differences between the two bodies. The final draft of nearly every important piece of legislation is written in that way. Inasmuch as the conference is limited to the principles contained in either the house bill or the senate bill or both, it is usual practice for both houses to accept a conference report.

## Notice of School Election Upon Question of Increasing Tax Levy Over Amount Limited By Section 11, Article XI, State Constitution.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in School District No. 17 of Curry County, State of Oregon, from 8 p. m. to 9 p. m. on June 28, 1951, at Brookings school house, in said school district, for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of said district the question of increasing the tax levy for the fiscal year 1951-1952 over the amount limited by Section 11, Article XI, of the Constitution of Oregon.

The reasons for increasing such levy are: The necessary expense of operating the school exceeds the amount equalized by the Rural School Board.

The amount of tax, in excess of the 6% limitation, proposed to be levied for said fiscal year is \$7,714.90.

Dated this 5th day of June, 1951. GLADYS I. KINDEL, Attest: Chr., Board, Directors Dora E. Beaulieu, Clerk.

The final or conference draft of the UMT-Draft bill is basically the house bill rather than the senate bill. The house version of the most important features of the bill was accepted by the senate. Perhaps the two most controversial and most discussed details of the two bills was the draft age limit and the method of starting UMT. The house 18½ age limit for selectees was approved as was the house procedure for establishing a commission to work out the details of a UMT plan.

It should be noted that this legislation does not actually set up a system of UMT. It merely provides for the establishment of such a program. The congress must act once more—on the report of the UMT commission—before any training program is started.

The people of Gold Beach and lower Rogue river country recently sent a group of very able representatives back here to Washington to appear before the Board of army engineers in behalf of the proposed harbor development at Gold Beach. The delegation was headed by Earl Foster of Gold Beach and included the able and distinguished attorney John C. Kendall of Portland (former circuit judge for Coos County), and engineering consultant Don Gurnee. I attended the hearing and was greatly impressed by the excellence of the presentation—both oral and written. It seems to me the board could not fail to approve the project after hearing and reading such overwhelming

## NOTICE

OF ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in compliance with Sec. 111-908, O. C. L. A., to the legal voters of School District No. 17, of Curry County, State of Oregon that the ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING of said District will be held at the School House; to begin at the hour of 8 o'clock P. M., on the third Monday in June, being the 18th day of June, A. D., 1951. This meeting is called for the purpose of electing One Director for a term of three years, and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.

Dated this 28th day of May, 1951. GLADYS I. KINDEL, Attest: Chr., Board, Directors Dora E. Belieu, Dist. Clerk

evidence of need and benefits. For example, it was shown that the government itself will lose more than the entire cost of the project every ten years by not harvesting the allowable cuts on its timber acreage. That timber, if not used, will simply rot back into the soil. Little or no harvesting of forest service timber is being done now because of lack of transportation. The board will give a decision on the project at its July meeting.

It takes a long time to get such a project to the construction stage. In 1948 the first hearing was held on this project. The district engineer made a favorable report in 1949 which was approved by the division engineer and sent to Washington for board approval. The board made a study and came up with the statement that it was "unconvinced." Hence the hearing was called. Next step will be authorization of the project by Congress. After that it will be eligible for appropriations. All of these steps take a lot of time, but if the board of army engineers gives it approval I think we will eventually have a small but exceedingly valuable harbor at Gold Beach.

## "It Seems To Me"

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Port Orford Centennial last Saturday. It wasn't the ribbon as much as it was the co-operation received from the Smith River Indians, without whom the float might have been meaningless.

Since the occasion was a centennial, the local float depicted an Indian settlement in the wild country, this must have been a century ago. Much credit is also due to George Funk and Joe Rose who helped Ross Putnam in its creation.

It is remarkable what a little co-operation can accomplish in all things. Take for instance the Chetco Wranglers who trucked their horses to Port Orford, had uniform shirts so that the parade might be colorful as far as possible.

Lacking a newspaper, and by not exploiting the affair in a manner it deserved, Port Orford failed to reach as many people as it should for the celebration. Few towns have the privilege of observing a century—at least these along the coast. This affair wasn't given the prominence which was its due.

Two boys and a girl will be

sent by the local Legion post and Auxiliary to "State" camps soon. Beaver Boys State will be held at Oregon State College campus, while Girls State will be at Willamette University.

These boys and girl will be given practical training concerning civics and government by going through setting up of a complete government, from the city, county, state and nation. Each will be given an opportunity to hold some office, and the right to run for any office the individual wishes to. These courses are under direction of noted men of the state, and in no other way would it be possible to get this training.

Shirley Bowlin, the only junior girl, was chosen for the Willamette training. Shirley is a talented young lady, who had no competition for the position.

However, had she been required to go through that formality, it is more than likely should have won the spot.

Coming to Corvallis will be Ronald Akers and Ed Grootendorst by virtue of their abilities as registered in their years of high school. If, by chance Ed will not go, Joe Moore and a couple of his classmates will be considered.

## Representative Due

A representative of the Social Security Administration will be in Brookings Wednesday, June 20, at the Odd Fellows hall, from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. This visit will give individuals an opportunity to inquire about benefits by personal interview rather than by mail.

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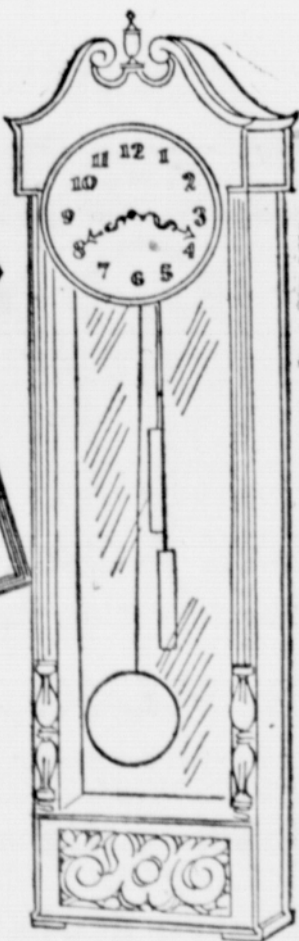
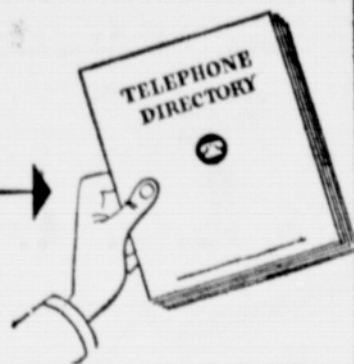
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