

Book Removal Story Garbled

Rugg Texts in Junior High Only Ones Involved In Legion Statement

SILVERTON—Frank M. Powell, commander of the American Legion post at Silverton, and Lynn M. Bragg, post adjutant, together with the Americanism committee issued a statement Thursday night to "the citizens of Silverton" which included five points. In issuing the statement the committee referred to "incomplete and misleading statements which had been circulating" concerning the action taken by the school board to remove text books from the library of the junior high school. The post states it "feels that entirely false implications are sure to be engendered," and that "it cannot in all fairness and decency permit such implications to go unchallenged; therefore, it believes that it should acquaint the citizens" with the following facts:

"First: This action was the result of the closest cooperation between the school board and Delbert Reeves post No. 7.

"Second: The full published list has at no time been in Silverton schools, but nationally used. There were merely nine, all written by Prof. H. O. Rugg. And these were all in the library of the junior high school. Four were being used as texts and five as supplementary texts. This is in reflection on the Americanism of the local schools and school authorities. These books are state approved and to be found in the libraries of the junior and senior high schools throughout the state."

"Third: The process of removing the Rugg series of text books from our local schools was begun by our school authorities several years ago, and these nine books were all that remained of a once fairly extensive number.

"Fourth: The petition from Delbert Reeves post was merely that in view of recent charges that Prof. Rugg was attempting to utilize the public school system of this nation as propaganda agency and that this, after 90 days failed to deny the charge, the school board removed these final nine books in a block instead of gradually as had been their procedure in the past.

"Fifth: This is a true statement of the facts. Any other construction placed upon the school board's action is absolutely contrary to the truth and hereby flatly denied by Delbert Reeves post."

Finance Develops

This statement was brought out following a furor coming after a resolution presented at the Silverton school board several days ago asking that these books of "subversive" character be removed at once, and that should the school board refuse to do so, the Legion post would take the matter before the court of public opinion.

In a statement which Superintendent H. W. Adams, also clerk of the school board, made at the post meeting last Monday night, it was explained that these books were being removed as fast as expedient, and that all but one had already been removed from the libraries of the schools. It was understood at that time that the matter was completely closed, and the statement issued Thursday came as a complete surprise to many.

3-Auto Injuries Fatal, Portland

PORTLAND, Dec. 19—(P)—Injuries inflicted by three hit-run automobiles last Saturday were fatal today to Wesley Rout, 54, Portland.

Witnesses said one automobile struck Rout, hurled him into the path of another car, and that a third machine ran over him as he lay helpless in the street. All the cars sped away without stopping.

Rout was the city's 58th traffic fatality of the year.

Assessor-Elect Dies, Roseburg

ROSEBURG, Dec. 19—(P)—J. Earl Pickens, county assessor-elect and for eight years first sheriff's deputy in the Douglas county tax collection department, died today of a heart ailment.

Pickens was elected to the assessor's post in November, but had not taken office.

Her Mother Held by Nazis



Left to day Jean Deegan (left), 16-year-old Huntsville, Ala., student, hopes she will get word that her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Deegan has been released by German military authorities in Paris. Reports reaching the United States indicated Mrs. Deegan was arrested by the Nazis who accused her of helping British officers to escape from occupied France. The girl is shown with her father, John Deegan, Huntsville architect, who has been divorced from Mrs. Deegan.

India Vast Reservoir of Materials And Men but People Divided, Issue Of Political Organization Changes

(Editor's Note: India offers a huge reservoir of fighting men which Britain might call upon for service in Africa and the near east, but political dissension among India's various creeds and classes hinders her war effort. In a series of two articles, The Statesman presents news service and The Statesman present the problem from the Indian and British points of view. Tomorrow: British hopes for a compromise.)

By H. R. STIMSON

BOMBAY, India—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Despite a superficial appearance of calm, India—largest reservoir of fighting men in the British empire—is shaken by political disputes which whittle her potentially vast war effort in the hour of Britain's need.

The main conflict between the British government in India and the natives of all creeds and classes—with the exception of princes—concerns the future status of India, but there are three other current disputes, all bound up with the larger issue.

"Equal Partnership" Offered

This revolves presently around an offer made by the British viceroy, Lord Linlithgow, on behalf of his government, that India attain "free and equal partnership" in the British commonwealth at the conclusion of the war and that formation of the Indian state "would be the responsibility of the Indians themselves."

A war advisory council, with representatives of the various races and creeds, was envisaged. But the offer contains a point which has split India and which apparently has made its acceptance impossible to Indians. It is this: "His majesty's government could not contemplate the transfer of their present responsibilities for the peace and welfare of India to any system of government whose authority was directly denied by large and powerful elements in India's national life."

Gandhi Party Disagrees

The all-Indian congress, nationalist party of Mohandas K. Gandhi, called this clause an appeal to stand against the Hindus, and accused Britain of fostering the policy of "divide and rule." The clause, the congress held, would give the Moslems, heavily outnumbered by the Hindus, the power to veto over proposals for independent government.

The congress reiterated its statement that India can not function "within the orbit of an imperial power" and must attain the status of a free and independent nation.

The congress admitted that such status would not prevent close association with other nations. This was taken as an indication that a free Indian state would join the commonwealth.

The conclusion reached by the congress party was that British policy in India was opposed to the principle of democracy and ran counter to the best interests of India.

A Sikh member of the congress declared that if Britain

Would Exempt Military Hauls

County Officials Discuss Measures Proposed for Legislature

Legislators, judges and commissioners of six counties considered here yesterday a proposed bill which would exempt military trucks from the law restricting load limits and lengths of trucks. The bill also would apply to contract carriers hauling commodities to be used by the army or navy.

Counties represented were Marion, Lane, Polk, Linn, Benton and Lincoln.

Several county officials said the proposed law might lift the load limits on trucks hauling logs for the army and navy, and they expressed the fear it would result in the destruction of many county roads.

Other measures discussed would reduce the mileage allowances for jurors from 10 cents to five cents a mile.

Change the county fiscal years to start July 1 instead of January 1, and to change the assessment date from March 1 to January 1.

Require the secretary of state to list on automobile registrations the county in which the registrant lives. This would prevent some counties from losing considerable money in motor vehicle taxes that are allocated by the state.

Broaden a law, permitting counties to spend money to advertise natural resources, by eliminating a provision that such advertising must be in pamphlets printed by the county court.

Repeat a law requiring counties to care for persons with contagious diseases, and permit state public welfare funds to be used for this purpose.

Make delinquent taxes a lien on proceeds from fire insurance policies.

Require the state auditor to audit all counties, rather than leave the matter discretionary as at present.

Victor E. Hanson Passes on, Dallas

DALLAS—Victor E. Hanson, 78, died Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clara Koefgen.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Hankle and Bollman chapel here with Rev. O. D. Harris, pastor of the First Christian church, officiating.

Victor E. Hanson was born in Sweden on October 18, 1862. He married Louise Tumborg in 1888. Mrs. Hanson passed away six years ago. Mr. Hanson had made his home in Dallas since 1927.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Koefgen and Miss Helen Hanson of Dallas; two sons, Adolph C. Hanson of Minnesota and Herman Hanson of Dallas, and two grandsons, Theodore and Arnold Koefgen, both of whom are members of Company L at Camp Murray.

Large Oil Barge To Be Launched

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19—(P)—The largest oil barge yet to operate on the upper Columbia river will be launched at Kennewick, Wash., next week. Howard Dent, inland navigation company manager said today.

The craft will have a capacity of 450,000 gallons—50 per cent larger than any other barge, Dent said.

Car Thrown off Track by Break

EUGENE, Dec. 19—(P)—Traffic over the Southern Pacific railroad line between Eugene and Cascade Summit was restored by workmen yesterday after a derailed freight car held up schedules for two hours.

The car was thrown off the track by a broken wheel, slightly damaging two other cars and tearing up a section of rails. No one was injured.

16 Ships Sold

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—(P)—The United States sold 16 cargo vessels totaling 147,536 tons to agents for British interests today to take the place of ships Hitler's submarines have sent to the bottom.

Fires, Blasts Hint Extensive Sabotage Plots



Flames leaping hundreds of feet, possibly result of sabotage, raged the big Los Angeles Oilfield plant which was engaged in making materials for military use. Plant officials estimated damage at more than \$300,000. At a nearby General Motors plant, meantime, 36 sticks of dynamite were found in a sack, hinting further sabotage. Day later three men died in a powder plant blast near Tacoma, Wash.—IIN photo.

Ad Club Yuletide Party Set Today

Auction, Entertainment on Program Arranged at the Elsinore

All is in readiness for the Salem Ad club charity Christmas party which will be held again this year in the foyer of the Elsinore theatre today from noon to 1 p. m., according to program chairman Stanley Keith.

In past years the location was offered through the courtesy of Manager Carl Porter of the local Warner Brothers theatres and the massive foyer forms a most fitting background for the occasion.

A full hour of fun and frolic is promised by Mr. Keith who has worked diligently the past week with the able assistance of George Arbuckle, Earl Headrick and Charles Bier as committee members.

The program will include a luncheon, served in the foyer of the theatre by Mrs. Schneider of Schneider's Coffee Shop; a comedy array of entertainment, the nature of which is not to be divulged at this time; a colossal auction under the direction of George Arbuckle with the proceeds to be donated to charity.

The highlight of the entertainment will be the presentation of a special short subject arranged by Manager Porter and the theatre staff.

All Ad club members are urged by President Bert Renhard to be present and bring a guest as well as an inexpensive present for the auction.

Burglary Charged To Trio at Dallas

DALLAS—Lawrence Harold Bailey, Gasper Henry Harder and Arlene Baldwin Olan were arrested by Sheriff T. W. Hooker and Deputy Sheriff W. Williams on a charge of burglary last night in a dwelling.

The youthful trio are charged with taking gasoline from a building at the county gravel pit. They were arraigned in the local justice court where they were given a preliminary hearing and bound to the grand jury. Bail was set at \$150 each. They are being held in the Polk county jail.

Five Night Classes Scheduled Here Weekly by State Extension Service; 10-Week Term to Start on January 6

Five night classes, on subjects of practical use and each carrying two hours of regular university or college credit, will be offered during the 10-week term of the "evening shift university" to be offered in Salem starting Monday, January 6, through the services of the general extension division of the state system of higher education, according to word sent here from the University of Oregon by W. G. Beattie, assistant extension director.

Each class will meet one night a week from 7:15 to 9:15 o'clock in the old Salem high school. Subjects include public speaking, hygiene of learning, South American geography, social psychology, and remedial reading. The instructional staff will include three faculty members from the University of Oregon, one from Oregon College of Education, and one from the Oregon state hospital, and all are authorities in their respective fields.

The two courses to be offered on Monday nights are "Public Speaking for Business and Professional Men and Women" and "Remedial Reading." The public speaking course is always popular, since it is a very practical course with emphasis on actual speaking. Its purpose is to familiarize students with the principles and practices of effective public address. The class will meet in room 3G under the direction of Marvin A. Krenk, instructor in speech at the University of Oregon.

The course in remedial reading, to be offered in room 3H by Dr. Elizabeth Montgomery, assistant professor of education, University of Oregon, is designed to give all classroom teachers, both at the elementary and secondary levels, an understanding of the difficulties pupils encounter in reading.

Another education, "Hygiene of Learning," will be offered on Tuesday nights in room 3H under the direction of Dr. Harold W. Bernard, assistant professor of education, University of Oregon. He will discuss the factors and conditions which make for mental development, including those which make for disintegration as well as those which make for integration in learning.

"Geography of South America" is scheduled for Wednesday nights in room 3H, with Dr. Willis Merriam, assistant professor of social science, Oregon College of Education, as instructor. The course will deal with the economic and social development of the countries of South America, raw materials,

potential markets, inter-American relations. It is said to be particularly worthwhile for those engaged in the administration of business.

On Thursday night in room 3H "Social Psychology" will be taught by James H. Huddleston, director of clinical psychiatry, Oregon state hospital. Study will be made of the processes involved in social communication, transmission of custom, social change, social cooperation and interdependence, group conflict, public opinion, social control of the individual, crowd behavior, and leadership.

Students may register at the office of Frank B. Bennett, Salem superintendent of schools, where Miss Loretta Kahler will be prepared to give receipts. Students may also register at the first meeting of the class.

Youth in Charge First Methodist

Special Holiday Service Is Administered by Young People of Church

The First Methodist church will feature its youth chorus in a special Christmas program Sunday night at 7:45. Everything on the program including the organ numbers, "The Other Wise Man" by Dr. Henry Van Dyke, special violin solo by Katherine Broer, and a capella Christmas anthems, and negro spirituals will be given by young people arranged and directed by the Rev. Glenn Olds, minister to youth. The program:

Organ prelude, "The Shepherd's Carol," Chubb, Jessica Kinsey; candlelight procession, "Advent Fidelity," song, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," Charles Wesley; Christmas anthems, youth choir, "There's a Song in the Air," Holland, "Glory to God in the Highest," Weltnacht; negro spirituals, youth choir, "Standin' in the Need of Prayer," "Steal Away to Jesus," evening prayer, Jean Rowland; "The Other Wise Man," Mary Bennett; violin solo, "Lobezeit," Fritz Kreisler, Katherine Broer, Marjorie Broer, accompanist; "He Came too Soon," Rev. Glenn Olds; song, "Joy to the World," Isaac Watts; recessional; postlude.

In the morning service the Cathedral choir directed by Dean Melvin Golt with Professor T. S. Roberts at the organ will begin the service by singing "The First Noel" and "Silent Night," as prelude, from the choir rooms which will give the effect of distance as was true of the shepherds and angelic songs on the hills of Palestine at the Nativity.

These will be followed by the choir procession, "O Come All Ye Faithful," and in the body of the service the choir will sing "The Glory of the Lord" from Handel, Mark Walts, baritone, will sing "Go Tell It on the Mountains," a Christmas plantation song arranged by Galt. Dr. J. C. Harrison will deliver the annual Christmas sermon. The public is extended a cordial invitation.



Victim of Crash Formerly at OSC

CORVALLIS, Dec. 19—(P)—Lieut. Vernon McCauley, one of six army fliers killed in a bomber crash on San Jacinto mountain in California yesterday, was a former Oregon boy and Oregon State college student.

College officials said today that McCauley, a star athlete at Dufur high school, attended OSC and was a member of the football team for two seasons before joining the air corps three years ago. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

1941 License Is Easy To Recall, Same as '40

PORTLAND, Dec. 19—(P)—Lon Puderbaugh, Gladstone, won't have to strain his memory learning his new 1941 automobile license number. He said it was 202-212—the same as his 1940 number.

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