

# Stress on Physical Fitness Over School Sports Urged By Principals' Conference

An interscholastic athletic program subordinated to the overall war-time requirement of physical fitness for all pupils was recommended for Oregon schools here Tuesday by the emergency conference of city superintendents, senior and junior high principals, which opened Monday.

## AP Answers Suit, Denies Monopoly

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Answering a federal anti-trust suit, the Associated Press denied Tuesday that it is a monopoly and said that "a free press requires that newspapers shall be free to collect and distribute news . . . and that they shall be free to choose their associates in so doing."

The department of justice entered the monopoly charges in a suit asking the courts to direct AP to make its services available to anyone able to pay for them instead of serving a membership of its choosing on its present non-profit, cooperative basis.

In filing its answer in federal district court, the association asserted: "A corollary of the assertion by the government of the right to determine who may be associates in collecting and distributing news is the assertion by the government of the right to determine what news shall be collected and distributed and under what conditions. The congress has never asserted any right or power to regulate newspapers or news agencies in the collection or distribution of news."

The association further declared that "the standard of an impartial and unbiased reporting of the news which has been achieved by the operation of AP under the control of its members, could not survive the transition of such members to the role of mere customers purchasing news on a price basis."

The AP said that it was organized to make possible the dissemination of unbiased news and "the cooperative character of its organization has been and is directly responsible for the accomplishment of such purpose and rendering by AP of a service which the government itself acknowledges to be of vital importance to the national welfare."

The impartial and unbiased character of AP news, the answer continued, was assured by the fact a cross section of opinion existed among members and by the fact this membership had the power "to invoke disciplinary action against any member who departs from the standard of integrity in reporting and publishing AP news."

The answer of approximately 7000 words comprised a general denial of the government's complaint of 14,000 words filed in a civil action here August 28.

## 3 Vessels Launched

PORTLAND, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Portland shipyards launched three vessels Tuesday as the city observed its first wartime navy day.

A subchaser, a minesweeper and a Liberty freighter went down the ways in the launchings, the latter ship the 89th from the Oregon Shipbuilding Corp.

The navy pennant was awarded the Albina Engine & Machine Works, Inc., and Governor Sprague told the workers there, "I congratulate you men for the achievement you have made, but I give you no respite from your labors. You are turning out tools the navy greatly needs."

L. R. Hussa, vice-president of the company, told the men they were turning out small naval craft better and faster than any other yard of comparable size in the nation.

Two thousand men and women of the armed forces, auxiliaries and civilian defense groups meanwhile paraded through downtown streets.

## Caretaker's Body Brought From Camp

MEDFORD, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Deputy sheriffs, forest rangers and a deputy coroner returned here Tuesday with the body of W. Harris, caretaker of the abandoned south fork CCC camp near Butte Falls.

The officers, who said Harris apparently died several days ago from natural causes, went to the camp after hunters reported seeing the body on the ground near a cabin but were prevented from investigating by a ferocious dog.

## Nazi Training Of Saboteurs Described

CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—(AP)—The story of how eight Nazi saboteurs were carefully trained to destroy American war plants, rail lines and utilities was told in full detail Tuesday by one of the German agents.

The account was given by Ernest Peter Burger, a graduate of the Reich's Brandenburg school of sabotage, at the federal court trial of six Chicagoans charged with treason.

Speaking with a heavy accent, the dark, 35-year-old plotter related how he and his henchmen rehearsed destructive deeds in the abortive attempt to cripple war production in general and airplane output in particular—a plot that ended when Burger and one of his confederates were sentenced to prison and their six associates were executed August 8 in Washington.

Burger, the first government witness, was asked by District Attorney J. Albert Woll if any industries were especially earmarked for sabotage.

"Yes," he replied. "The Alcoa aluminum corporation plants in Los Angeles, Oregon and so on. We also were instructed to blow up rail lines connecting aluminum plants."

The highlights of Burger's word picture of the training for sabotage in this country were these: The school was on an estate outside Brandenburg. He and the others were trained there from April 11 to 30, 1942. On the grounds were pits, towers, railroad tracks and simulated buildings used in practicing blasts.

The pupils were tutored by a Lieut. Koppe and others in the arts of handling explosives and incendiaries, buying, mixing and igniting chemicals, making timing devices and detonators from pen and pencil sets and watches, and practicing boat landings on a lake.

They also toured German industrial areas to learn how to sabotage transformers and to put locomotives and cars out of commission by placing sand in journal boxes and fouling oil systems. They even were given draft and social security cards to establish false identifications in the US.

## Experienced Leadership

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## Independent Bankers Elect Officers

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 27.—(AP)—The executive council of the independent Bankers association of the 12th federal reserve district announced Tuesday the election of R. L. Eberhardt of Stockton as chairman.

Others elected: G. L. Jenkins, Malad City, Idaho, vice-chairman; J. R. McEvoy, Holbrook, Ariz., secretary; and J. H. Rogers, Baker, Ore., treasurer.

## Taxes on Cigarettes, Income Vehicles Are Ballot Issues

(This is one of a series of stories explaining measures and describing candidates on the November 3 general election ballot.)

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Seven measures will be on Oregon's general election ballot next Tuesday, but if the voters are in their usual mood, most of them will be defeated.

There were nine measures on the ballot two years ago, and all of them were rejected. The electorate will get a chance to levy a cigarette tax, to prevent motor vehicle taxes from being used for any purpose other than for roads, and to distribute all state income tax receipts in excess of \$7,750,000 a year to school districts.

The cigarette tax bill, passed by the 1941 legislature, would tax cigarettes at two cents a package, the revenue to be split, five-sixths for old age pensions and one-sixth for vocational education. Tobacco manufacturers, growers and smokers succeeded in getting the bill referred to the people.

The opponents charge that the bill is unfair in that it taxes cigarette smokers but not pipe or cigar smokers, and that there are enough new taxes being levied by the government. Those who want the measure passed, including the

officials, including Governor Sprague, oppose it on the grounds that a constitutional provision is unnecessary and unwise. The governor, who doesn't believe in diverting road taxes, thinks that some day there might be a real emergency that might require the temporary use of such money. A constitutional provision would make it impossible to use it.

Income tax collections in Oregon this year will total more than \$14,000,000, and under an initiative measure sponsored by educational groups, all of this money above \$7,750,000 would be distributed to school districts, the money to be used to reduce taxes levied by the districts.

The Oregon Taxpayers Federation and Oregon Business & Tax Research, Inc., oppose the measure, asserting it would increase property taxes by \$1,300,000 a year, instead of reducing them. The educational leaders, however, contend it would reduce property taxes and better the financial condition of the school districts.

## Schunke Elected

PORTLAND, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Ed Schunke, Salem, was elected to the board of the Oregon Good Merchants association Tuesday night. H. Wayne Stanard, McMinnville, was named third vice-president and a member of the board.

## College Staff Transfers Approved

PORTLAND, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Conforming to demands of wartime training, the state board of higher education Tuesday approved scores of staff transfers among departments and some between schools.

The wholesale shift of instructors, said Chancellor F. M. Hunt, resulted from larger enrollments than anticipated at the University of Oregon and Oregon State college, with heavy increases in lower-division classes, while registration at the Colleges of Education declined sharply.

To accommodate the large number of lower-division students at Oregon and Oregon State instructors were shifted from upper-division departments. To relieve the situation at Oregon State, a group of English, mathematics and art teachers from Oregon College of Education were transferred to the Corvallis campus.

This equalization of load was achieved at minimum extra cost by the transfers, Chancellor Hunter said. Total added cost of all the adjustments, approved on recommendation of the finance committee, was \$31,319.26. In addition,

a \$17,000 reserve for winter and spring terms was set aside. The transfer of teachers from OCE to OSC will provide a credit of some \$12,000 on a yearly basis. The board approved leaves of absence for several staff members called to government service. Leave of Herman Kehrl, director of the university's bureau of municipal research and service, was continued. He is with the bureau of the budget in Washington. Other board approvals Tuesday included: 1943 summer session budgets on a basis similar to 1942; a research agreement between the state board of forestry and the OSC school of forestry; acceptance of state liquor commission funds for remodeling the OSC entomology laboratory.

## US to Purchase All Douglas Fir

PORTLAND, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Uncle Sam soon will be the west coast's only Douglas fir customer, 500 lumbermen learned Tuesday. The lumbermen, here for one of the largest lumber auctions in northwest history, were told that a war production board order, effective October 29, requires all Douglas fir lumber to go to the government. The army-navy procurement office there will make all purchases. The order does not affect pine, spruce, hemlock or cedar.

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