

Marsh Urges Schools to Consolidate

Eugene Marsh, speaker of the Oregon house of representatives, Wednesday noon before the Salem Rotary club sounded a warning that the present legislature does not intend to be stamped into a hasty or ill-designed postwar planning program but "will let its actions hinge on the movement of the war."

The speaker pointed out that the board of control sought appropriations for \$4,000,000 for postwar building in connection with state institutions; that the state system of higher education asks another million dollars for buildings at state schools; labor will ask for higher benefits in unemployment compensation and industrial accidents.

While there is merit in all of these requests, the speaker pointed out, he also noted that proposed legislation naturally brought up the important question of increased taxation. In this category, he said, the ways and means committee is confronted with perplexing problems, since the recent vote on the sales tax indicated citizens were not in accord with increased levies.

Marsh voiced the thought that consolidation of the vast number of school districts in the state might help. He urged that the people, as local agencies, consider this question, pointing out that in many districts no real property tax is collected for support of the schools. He indicated that each community should try to work out the problem of furnishing better pay for teachers, thus increasing the standard in instruction.

"The legislature is composed of 88 men and two women," the speaker said, "and we are there to do a job. We come from different walks of life, with different opinions on different subjects. However, we have one purpose in common, and that is to make Oregon a better state, just as you Rotarians are working to make Salem a better city."

Military Training To Be Discussed At Feb. 1 Forum

A forum will be held at the local YMCA on February 1 on the question of universal military training or postwar conscription. The session, set for 8 p. m., is open to the public.

Speakers will be Quincy Scott of the Oregonian, who will talk in favor of the training program, and Prof. Norman F. Coleman, who will oppose it. Of the Reed college and Lewis and Clark college faculties, Prof. Coleman is chairman of the state committee opposed to peacetime conscription.

The YMCA forum committee is headed by Rev. David Nielsen and includes Charles A. Sprague, Miss Eleanor Stephens and C. A. Kells.

Asks Requisition for Two From California

Governor Earl Snell Wednesday asked California officials to surrender George T. Elliott who, with a number of other prisoners, escaped from the Multnomah county jail on March 19, 1944. He is under arrest at Fairfield.

Another requisition was issued for James Owen Gordon, wanted in Portland for burglary not in a dwelling. He is under arrest in San Francisco.

Gas Revenue Up 15 Percent In One Year

Operating revenues of Oregon gas utilities in 1943 aggregated \$6,850,290.24, an increase of \$885,671.49 or 14.85 per cent over 1942, the public utilities commissioner reported Wednesday.

Operating expense, fixed at \$5,239,213.43, increased \$597,584.84 or more than 12 per cent over 1942. Net utility operating income increased from \$1,328,990.16 in 1942 to \$1,617,076.81 in 1943 or \$288,086.65.

Within Oregon the operating revenues of the Portland company constituted 90.62 per cent of the total.

Kiwanis Have Anniversary Next Week

Members of the Kiwanis club of Salem will observe the 30th anniversary of Kiwanis International

the week of January 21 to 27 with a program based on the organization's 1945 administrative theme, "Win the War—Build for Peace."

Fred Klaus, recently elected president of the Salem club, said Wednesday that plans for the anniversary meeting, to be held at noon Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the Marion hotel, had been virtually completed.

Features will include the reading of a message from Ben Dean, Grand Rapids, president of Kiwanis International, and announcement of this year's objectives.

Recalling that Kiwanis was born in Detroit on the eve of World War I, Klaus said the organization since Pearl Harbor has supplemented its community service

activities with projects which contribute directly to the conduct of the United Nations' war program, and that last year 139,000 Kiwanians in some 2250 clubs throughout the United States and Canada bought and sold war bonds valued at more than \$1,000,000,000 and donated \$5,000 pints of blood.

More than 13,000 Kiwanians are in the armed forces.

Canners Convention Postponed for Year

The annual meeting of the National Canners association which has always drawn a goodly number of Salem cannerymen to Chicago has been postponed indefinitely for 1945. It had been scheduled for meeting in early February.

While clearance was had for the convention there were other difficulties which forced the postponement.

The War Food administration's inability to advise canneries of its 1945 set-aside program took away much of the reason for meeting. Hotel accommodations in Chicago also were greatly restricted.

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