

## School Support Fund Increase Urged by State Superintendent

Rising public school costs in Oregon should be met by increasing the basic school support fund levy and otherwise staying within the framework of present state legislation on schools, in the opinion of Dr. Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction.

Putnam in a report to Gov. John H. Hall Monday, predicted school costs will rise to a point between \$75,000,000 and \$90,000,000 in the next five years if present trends continue. Total school expenditures for 1948-49 are estimated at \$60,000,000.

"It is our belief," Putnam said, "that by increasing the basic school support fund levy substantially and setting aside \$2,000,000 of this levy during the next biennium for construction aid to

disfranchised school districts which are bonded to the limit, the school problem would be met so far as the state is concerned."

The report emphasized that new school buildings and equipment must be provided to care for the projected growth of the school system. Examples of school districts which have bonded to the limit and are still unable to cope with their educational requirements included those of Sweet Home, Rockwood near Portland, Canyonville, Keizer and Springfield.

The report emphasized that the only source of income, other than state aid, which a school district has is the property tax. Putnam said as a result of the lag in assessed valuation, inflation and increased population, and despite state aid of slightly less than \$17,000,000 per year, the average rate on local property for school district taxes has advanced from 15 mills in 1940 to in excess of 35 mills in 1948.

## Collins Service Set in Portland

Funeral services for Mrs. William Collins, well known Salem woman who died in Portland Saturday, will be held in Portland today at 9:30 a. m. with concluding services in Mt. Calvary cemetery.

Mrs. Collins, wife of William Collins, attorney for the state highway department, died suddenly while on a business trip with her husband. The couple have lived in the Fisher apartments in Salem for the past 11 years.

Other survivors are four sisters including Mrs. Lillian Longley of Salem.

## General Electric Kitchen Clocks

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## Eight Injured In Salem Area Road Mishaps

Weekend traffic mishaps that claimed two lives in the Salem area also brought injuries to eight other persons.

A pedestrian, Mrs. Lepha M. Stratemeyer, 20, of 2505 State st., was reported in good condition Monday in Salem General hospital where she was taken after being hit Sunday by a car while crossing Commercial street at Center street.

Mrs. R. M. Schindler, Salem route 8, driver of the vehicle, was fined \$50 in municipal court for failure to yield right-of-way to a pedestrian. Half of the fine was suspended.

Two University of Oregon students, Richard Martin of Springfield and Herman Lind of Portland, were taken to the Oregon City hospital Sunday after a collision at Hubbard. Their auto struck another driven by C. S. Russell of Victoria, B. C., on highway 99E. Their condition was reported good on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Stephens, Dallas route 2, are recovering in Salem General hospital from injuries suffered when their car went out of control on the Salem-Dallas highway Saturday night near Holman park.

A witness said the lights apparently failed on the Stephens car causing the vehicle to miss a turn, leap a ditch and shear a power pole.

The car landed on its top in a field completely wrecked. Mrs. Velma Henderson, 3940 N. River rd., was treated by Salem first aid attendants Sunday for face cuts suffered when the car in which she was riding struck a power pole near the intersection of South street and Maple avenue. Police said Clarence A. Hunt, 1120 Candlewood dr., was the driver.

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## 20-30 Club to Entertain Families with Party

Members of the Salem 20-30 will entertain their wives and kiddies in a Christmas party tonight at the Gold Arrow restaurant starting at 6:30 o'clock.

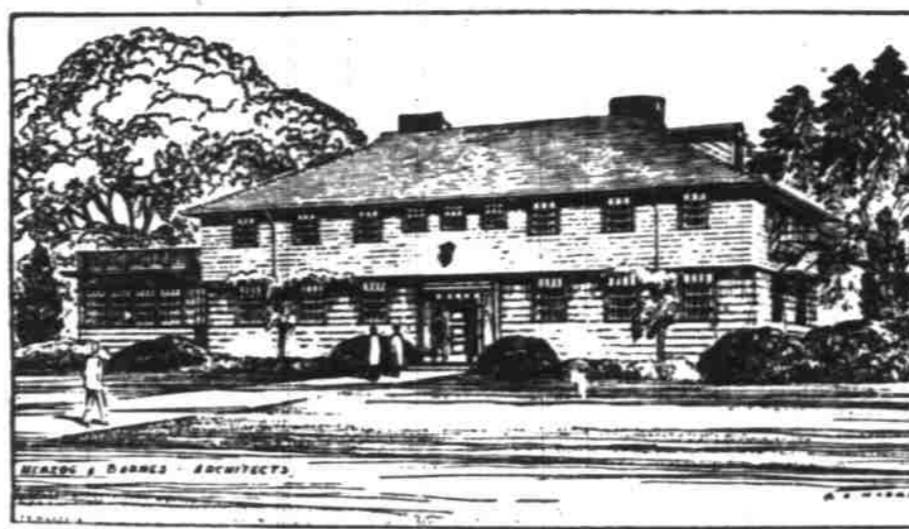
Robert Ingle, in charge of the annual event, requested members to bring gifts for their children for the gift exchange. After Santa Claus makes an appearance the children will be entertained by a motion picture.

## Planning Group to Hear Zone Change Proposals

Three public hearings before the Salem planning and zoning commission are scheduled for its meeting at 7:30 tonight in city hall.

Proposals around which the hearings center are a zone change to permit replacement of a present

## Children's Home to Expand



The proposed new cottage at the WCTU Children's Farm home near Corvallis will look like the above architect's sketch, when completed about next May.

## Walter Nelson Held Following Rape Charge

Walter Nelson, a transient, will be arraigned in Marion county district court today on a rape charge growing out of a complaint signed by the mother of a 15-year-old Salem girl.

The mother signed the complaint Monday and District Judge Joseph B. Felton set Nelson's bail at \$3,500. Nelson is in the city jail serving a 10-day sentence on an intoxication charge.

Police said they arrested Nelson and the girl in a parked car in the 2300 block of Fairgrounds road Thursday. Another juvenile girl and Donald H. Posey, a transient, were also in the vehicle at the time, officers stated. Posey is serving a sentence for vagrancy and the girl was released to her parents.

Police said the two girls, ages 15 and 17, and a 16-year-old girl who was with the party earlier comprised the trio of local girls who had been reported missing that day.

## UNIONS DISCUSS OFFER

CHICAGO, Dec. 20—(P)—Representatives of 16 non-operating railroad unions today discussed a fact-finding board's recommendation that their salaries be raised and hours shortened, but no details were discussed.

## TROOPS LOCKED IN WAR

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Dec. 20 (P)—A Costa Rican general staff bulletin tonight said government forces had engaged a rebel group at San Miguel de Sarapiquí, about 40 miles north of San Jose.

service station at Market and Capitol streets, a zone change to permit business development on South Commercial street across from the Fisher apartments and a vacation of Calmar court.

## Many Attend Annual Party At Richmond

Several hundred parents, teachers and pupils attended the Richmond grade school Parent-Teacher association's annual Christmas party in the school auditorium Monday night.

In a Christmas pantomime Mary Lynn Stevens was reader while the sixth grade choir furnished a background of carols. The chorus was accompanied by Mrs. Carmen Jensen and directed by John Black, Frank B. Bennett, superintendent of Salem public schools, gave the Christmas story.

Three club scouts who received Webelos awards during the party were Don Hanson, Robert McCandlish and Don Patterson. In a short business session the PTA voted to sponsor a Brownie and Girl Scout troop. Mrs. Leslie Morris will direct the girl troop and Mrs. Elmer Amundson the Brownie organization.

## Valley Obituaries

Elliott Prairie—William Harrison, 74, well known farmer of this area, died Monday in an Oregon City hospital following a long illness.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. May Harrison, Elliott Prairie; three children, Ralph Harrison, Elliott Prairie, Merton Harrison, Woodburn and Mrs. Hazel Tyler of Woodburn; a brother in Hatfield, Minn., and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held from the Ringo chapel in Woodburn Wednesday at 2 p. m.

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## District Six Residents Charge Union School Illegally Formed

A charge that north Marion county union high school 6 was illegally and irregularly formed earlier this year was lodged in Marion county circuit court Monday.

The contention was filed by three residents of Butteville school district. They are William G. Gooding, Jack Murray and Edwin J. Miller. Their charge was contained in an answer to a petition filed by the district recently seeking court approval of the organization of the district.

Marion County Circuit Judge E. M. Page designated February 8 to 10 as hearing dates on the petition.

Answer Filed In their answer filed Monday, the Butteville men asked that the organization of the district be declared invalid. They charged that preliminary elections and the main organizational election last May were done on the basis of including all of Butteville district into the new union district.

However, it is alleged in the answer, the district now contends it contains only that portion of Butteville district lying within Marion county. The rest of Butteville district lies in Clackamas county and is contained in a Clackamas county union high school district.

Other districts which make up the north Marion county union high district 6 include Donald, Hubbard, White, Broadacres and that portion of Aurora district lying in Marion county.

In the original petition seeking validation of the new district it is contended that at the May 27 organizational election in each of the five districts a majority of all votes cast and a majority of all districts voting were in favor of forming the union high district 6.

Reasons Stated The three Butteville residents Monday, however, stated that

their district did not vote to join the union high district. It is also alleged that unqualified voters were allowed to vote, that a majority of the qualified voters in the district did not vote and that election notices did not contain the same property descriptions as is outlined in the validating petition.

## C. A. Newman Rites Scheduled Today

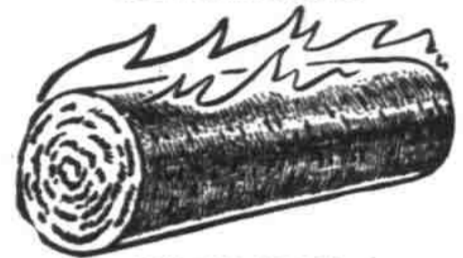
C. A. Newman, 79, of 3613 N. E. 70th st., Portland and father of C. Lester Newman of Salem, died in a Portland hospital Sunday. Other survivors are his widow, Mrs. C. A. Newman of Portland, and another son, Claude A. Newman of San Francisco. Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. today at the Colonial mortuary in Portland. Graveside services will follow in Bejrest Memorial park in Salem at 3:30 p. m.



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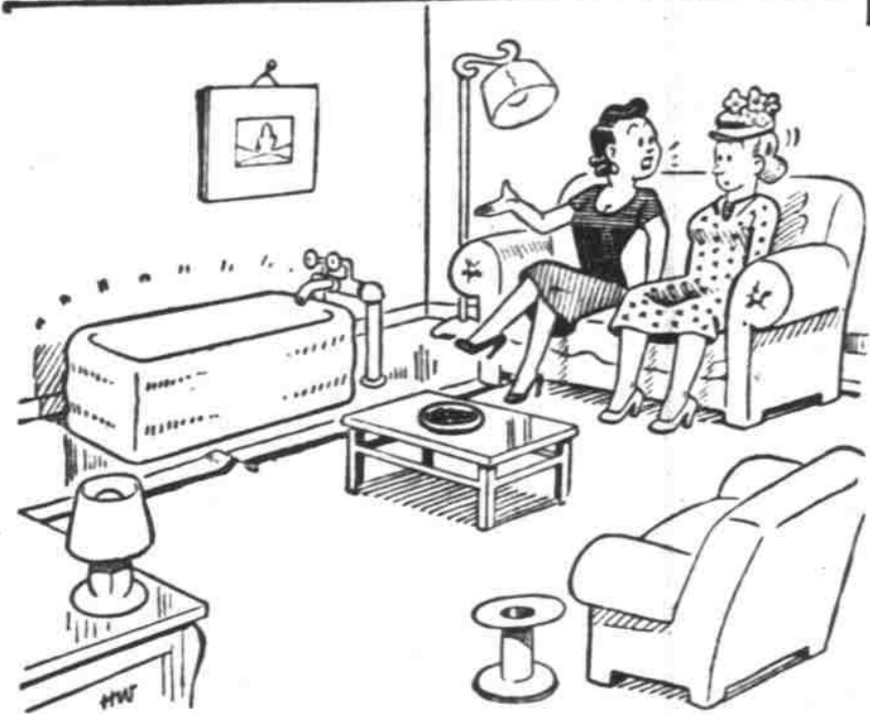


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## WHY CONSERVATION IS NECESSARY

Winter brings greater use of lights and equipment using electricity. It brings a pick-up in industrial production which means still more power use. All this reaches a maximum between 4:30 and 6:30 P.M. when thousands of housewives start preparing dinner and thousands of men and children start using water (most of it heated electrically) to clean up. The result is that the total power available from all present Northwest power sources can barely cope with the demand. A serious breakdown can occur unless you help during these peak hours.

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