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State Schoolhouse Aid

A bill has been introduced by the House Committee on Education (HB 480) to provide \$7,000,000 in state funds for aid to needy school districts for schoolhouse construction. This is an appropriation we can willingly support, if the Ways and Means Committee can find the "means." We much prefer it to sucking money out of Washington for strictly local undertakings.

There are school districts in the state—like the bedroom areas adjacent to Portland, where the population has grown far faster than the assessed valuation on which bond issues may be floated. They are caught in the bind. They do need help. The state is the one to provide assistance.

A danger from these overhead grants is that they are apt to become a grabbag. That shows up now in proposals for revising the scheme for dividing the state basic school support fund. A radical change in the apportionment system is proposed for that—which is favored by the winners and opposed by the losers. This state school building construction fund should have certain built-in safeguards lest it inspire a grabfest.

Under the Eisenhower proposal Oregon would be eligible to just over \$3,000,000 a year, to be matched by \$3,368,000 of state funds (or local for the first year). This state fund of \$7,000,000 would provide the necessary matching. While there would be plenty of districts hungry to get all this money, we doubt if the actual distress cases require such an amount of aid. The "aid" may be federal, but the federal taxes become local, too.

Timber Revenue May Slip

The Roseburg News-Review manifests some concern over prospective loss of county revenue through reduction of proceeds of sales of timber in the national forests and on O & C lands. This will result if log prices fail to recover from their slump and if sales continue sluggish. Douglas County, notes Editor Stanton, has had a high income from this source. As a result the Douglas County tax rate has been relatively very low. Now if property taxes are to be raised for county purposes "taxpayer groaning is apt to be long and loud."

Such a dose would awaken the taxpayers to how fortunate they are compared with their brethren in the treeless counties. And if the drop in revenues was great enough to make necessary a vote for a special tax levy the lesson would be impressed on the more strongly.

The situation does illustrate the risk where a large segment of public revenues is uncertain. That is one of the dangers inherent in putting too much reliance on a state income tax. What happens when that money bag gets a hole in it?

Oregon friends of Harris Ellsworth are pleased that he has been nominated to an appointive position by President Eisenhower, to be member of the Civil Service Commission. Ellsworth broke his newspaper associations at Roseburg to enter politics where he served 14 years. He is still vigorous in mind and body, has a good background of knowledge of government. It's a lame duck appointment to be sure; but defeat at the polls ought not to mean scrapping all who trust their careers to the hazards of politics. Ellsworth is a man of conservative judgment who will do a workmanlike job in the new office.

An 11-year-old boy has won the biggest sum—\$164,000—on TV quiz programs. Leonard Ross of Tujunga, Calif., bested the champion Mrs. Alice Morgan in the \$64,000 challenge. The category was investments and the stock market. The real test in this category will come on investing the residue after taxes. He doesn't get the chance, however, because, being a minor, it goes to bank as trustee.

Shepilov's Middle East Stand Places Him In Position of Joining What He Can't Lick

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst

If you believe Foreign Minister Shepilov of Russia he is strongly pro-peace, the Middle East is a place of typical Communist touches.

He has almost put himself into the position of trying to join what you can't lick.

To make himself heard above the gradually increasing approval of Middle Eastern countries for the plan, Shepilov took up the ideas of guarantees for peace, economic aid and political independence and added two of the Soviet Union's constant propaganda bleats.

He wants an end to foreign military bases in the area and, he says, to shipments of arms.

When the American Middle East program was announced the Russians promptly latched it as a new approach to imperialism, an effort by the United States to replace British and French influence in the area, and Marshal Zhukov has just called it a step toward war.

But with Russia in on it, Shepilov avows, peace would be guaranteed.

So would a situation be guaranteed in which Russia, at any time she chooses, could gobble up the defenseless area before anybody could get to her.

In listening to Shepilov one has to remember that it was he who,

Water Suit Renewed

After a five-month recess trial of Arizona's suit against California for 3,800,000 annual acre feet of Colorado River water is being resumed in San Francisco before a special master appointed by the U. S. Supreme Court. California resists Arizona and relies on the old doctrine of "first in time, first in right." That is, being first in appropriating the water for beneficial use, California claims its right is paramount.

Arizona's claim is based on the doctrine of equality of rights based on federal water contracts.

Each state regards control of that water as vital to its economy. California would have to find other sources if possible to replace any water lost to Arizona. Arizona wants this water for its own development. Thus the suit attracts interest because of its economic aspects as well as the legal points involved. The master's findings, when they come, will then be reviewed by the Supreme Court which will make the decision.

Lovelorn at the University

The U of O Emerald announces it is adding "the internationally-acclaimed column of Maxine von Robinson, expert at advising the lovelorn. What! Have college students come to this? Can they no longer poultice their own hearts that become bruised in the campus free-for-all? Is this addition in response to "public demand"? Is its use to be restricted to winter term, trusting that in the spring when young men's fancies lightly turn to thoughts of love the campus maids no longer will be born and the column can be dropped?

Maybe we old fogies should complain. At least the Emerald isn't driving the distraught lovers to the psycho-analysts.

One of the best Lincoln Day addresses we have heard in many a year was that delivered by Prof. Howard W. Runkel of Willamette University at the joint session of the Senate and House at the state capitol Tuesday. It was laudatory without being maudlin, sprinkled with bright anecdotes or quotations, lucid rather than ornate; and as becomes a professor of speech, it was well delivered.

Treasurer Unander is suggesting for legislative consideration a constitutional amendment which would permit the state to issue bonds in the amount of \$15,000,000 for buildings at state institutions. It would also provide that any excess over ten billion in the state general fund at the end of a biennium should be automatically ticketed for bond retirement. Without discussing the merits of the proposal at this time we would remark that the treasurer is an optimist. From all we've been hearing, it will be like the boy said who was eating an apple: "There ain't going to be any core."

The Post Office Department confesses it made a mistake in trying to economize on glue on postage stamps. That explains why so many stamps got unstuck, just before Christmas. Wonder how many Christmas cards landed in the dead letter office on that account.

Editorial Comment

WHO WANTS ANOTHER MARCH TO THE SEA?

The Georgia State Senate passed a resolution last week declaring the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments to the United States Constitution null and void.

These amendments, passed by Congress and ratified in the five years following the Civil War, have been the basis of many civil rights decisions in the courts. The Fourteenth provides that no State shall deprive any person of life, liberty, or property except by the process of law. The Fifteenth says that no State may deprive a citizen of the right to vote because of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Now the Georgia State Senate decides that the two Congresses which passed the amendments were without power to do so because Georgia and other States were not represented. It is true that the recently defeated Southern States were absent. It is also true that the Legislature of Georgia later ratified both amendments, as part of the condition of Georgia's representatives being readmitted to Congress.

Without denying that much jiggery-pokery went on in Washington and elsewhere during the Reconstruction period, we think that this is no time to start the Civil War again.

The crackers and woolhats who defiantly snap their gullies at the rest of us doubtless aren't asking for another march from Atlanta to the sea. We're not sure that any latter-day Sherman really wants to take the trip. (San Francisco Chronicle)

Time Flies:

10 Years Ago

Feb. 13, 1947

Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Grabenhorst (Jean Burrell) are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Grandchildren are Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Burrell and Mr. and Mrs. George Grabenhorst, Sr.

25 Years Ago

Feb. 13, 1932

Ray Lafky, Willamette University's entrant in the state ex-tempo speaking contest, won

the same speech in which he announced his "program" to the Supreme Court.

He repeated the Communist lie that the revolution in Hungary was instigated by outside influences.

The revolution in Hungary began as an unarmed student demonstration against Communist repression. Its leaders had a Polish-type movement in mind when the Communist police started the shooting.

Russia proposes to protect "the dignity and sovereignty" of the Middle Eastern countries. The same way, no doubt, that she did it in Hungary.

From The Statesman Files

first place in the annual meet held at Oregon State College. Lafky spoke on "Government by the people through American national politics."

40 Years Ago
Feb. 13, 1917

Squire Farrar, a former state senator from Marion county and postmaster in Salem until four years ago, died in Portland where he had been living. Mr. Farrar was 78 years old, came to Salem in 1865 from Lawrence, Mass.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"It's my annual income tax season, dear... I stress the fact that taxes are inevitable but a measure of relief is offered by the collection plate."



(Continued from page one.)

old General Land Office is undertaking the job of installing a new system for keeping track of the public lands. A contract has been let for Utah, and when funds are available the 2,700 townships in Oregon will be similarly processed. Noting some reference to the project in the 1956 report of Virgil Heath, BLM supervisor for Oregon, I wrote him asking what the plan embraced. From his reply I extract a description of what is to be done:

The new system will replace "the voluminous land office tract books, township plats and diagrams which have been in use for more than a century and a half will be replaced with a single master title plat, an accompanying use plat, and a historical index for each 36-square mile township. Each new master title plat will depict all conveyances or patents to once - vacant land from original federal ownership to disposition by the government. Each new use plat will show permits, leases, and licenses for use of public lands and resources in effect in the township."

Under this new system duplicate copies of the plats may be made in a matter of seconds; and this may be obtained by other agencies of government, and presumably by private citizens who may be interested.

Director Woolley of the bureau is quoted as saying "this is one of the most worthwhile improvements ever attempted in the history of federal land management... Old records, many of which are so worn out as to be almost illegible, are being replaced by instruments that never wear out. At the same time we are taking advantage of the time-saving marvels of present-day technology to provide better service to the thousands of people who depend on our land offices for records data."

Another project is under way at present of interest in Oregon. A man from the Portland office of the BLM has been assigned to Washington to assist in micro-filming of the survey notes for all the lands in Oregon. This will include the original—and any subsequent—resurveys, and the records will be placed on machine index cards for ready reference. Copies may be purchased by persons interested, and it is expected that engineers and woodsmen will find a great deal of use for these micro-filmed notes.

When the first project described is completed for all the public land states it will be a whole lot easier to find out just what lands are federally owned and what their current status is. With \$40 billion worth of real estate, such an improved accounting system is needed.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Your assertions are contrary with reason."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "amour"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Correlation, coreopsis, corridor, cornet.
4. What does the word "analytical" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with rem that means "to plead in protest"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "contrary To reason."
2. Pronounce ah-moor, accent second syllable. 3. Corridor. 4. Pertaining to analysis; resolving into first principles. "He has an analytical mind." 5. Remonstrate.

Copper Wire Stolen

Statesman News Service

AURORA, Feb. 12 — D. L. Schackman, Aurora, told Salem state police today someone stole 100 feet of copper wire hooked up to his irrigation pump. Officers stated Schackman believes the theft occurred sometime since last October.

Safety Valve

Some Demos Scarce

To the Editor:

The press is wonderful. After some 80 years we are told that the bull who killed Custer was white and was not even sitting down, that Custer tried everything including wrestling bouts, flatcuffs and hair pulling none of which were effective so as a last resort or an after - thought he "pulled his gun." He must have lost his cavalry saber.

But there is no bull about the cost of farm press support which the press adds up for us but it does not tell us what the total cost is of keeping the postmen's shoes half-soled and/or shined if that is also a responsibility of the tax-payer. Nor does the press tell us the total cost of Fullbright's student exchange, the cost of Henry Wallace's pig policy, the cost of paying retired Supreme Court Justices full salary or the estimated cost of granting our millionaire ex-presidents an annual bonus of \$25,000.

Our only salvation is and always has been more conservative, sensible Democrats and they were pretty scarce the last time.

J. M. Campbell,
Dallas, Ore.

Salem Art Group Names Sprague Chief

Robert C. Sprague, advertising director of Statesman, was named chairman of the Salem Art Association at a meeting of the group's board of trustees Monday at Bush House.

Other committee chairman announced were David Dunaway, special exhibits James Walton, finance Willard Marshall, membership Mrs. Wayne Weeks, art; Mrs. A. T. King, rental gallery; Mrs. Stanley Grove, activities; Dr. Harold Hutchinson, picture of the month, and Mrs. Stewart Johnson, press relations.

Mrs. James Walton, SAA president, reported the trustees also wanted to encourage and invite all creative groups to use the facilities of Bush House for meetings and program.

The Creative Arts group will meet at Bush House Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to sketch models from the Chemawa Indian school, and the Pentacle Theater group will meet Monday with Mrs. Al Laue presiding.

Mrs. Moffett, 72, Succumbs

Statesman News Service

WOODBURN, Feb. 12—Mrs. Jessie Moffett, a resident of Woodburn for the past four years, died today in a Portland hospital following a brief illness. She was 72.

A member of the Christian Science Church, Mrs. Moffett was born in Iowa Jan. 31, 1885. Survivors include a son, Walter W. Moffett, Minneapolis, Minn.; three daughters, Mrs. Frances Haskens, Glenwood, Minn.; Mrs. Ramona Gift, Woodburn, and Mrs. Nina Wharton, Newton, Iowa; two brothers, Roy and Richard Burt, Newton, Iowa, and 12 grandchildren.

The body will lie in state at the Ringo-Cornwell Funeral Chapel here until 1 p.m. tomorrow when shipment will be made to Glenwood, Minn., for services and interment.

Tire Thieves Hit Mehama

Statesman News Service

MEHAMA, Feb. 12 — The Phillips Tire Co. of Mehama told state police officers in Salem today that eight tires have recently been stolen from their store.

A store representative stated six tires were taken sometime since the middle of December last year and two tires were stolen sometime during the last two or three weeks.

School Reporter

Leslie Spellers Chosen for Contest

By KAREN HARRIS

Seventh grade semi-finalists from Leslie Junior High School were chosen Tuesday to compete in the spelling contest as the result of several weeks of spell-downs in home rooms.

Semi-finalists are Bonnie Ireland, Beverly Gannon, Robert Schwiesow, Judy Scott, Ruth Ann Kurtil, Brent Barton, Connie Vanderwort, Barbara Sloan and Lee Ann Scheidemann.

The eighth grade semi-finalists will be chosen Thursday and the run-off for the school champion will take place, with the entire seventh and eighth grades witnessing, February 27, in the auditorium.

Glen Knickerbocker was chosen by the Junior Red Cross Tuesday to represent Leslie at a meeting of the Marion County Polo Group at the Senator Hotel next Thursday.

The meeting will deal with the importance of getting the Salt vaccine distributed to everyone. Knickerbocker will report back to the Junior Red Cross after the meeting.

Recently elected Junior Red Cross officers for the second semester are Carol Robb, president; Penny Powell, vice president; Jacques Graber, secretary; and Glenn Knickerbocker, treasurer. New council members were also chosen from home rooms.

The group is working at a present on a color book project for children at Fairview Home and in March the project of making party kits for a hospital will occupy the Junior Red Cross members' time.

Not Too Far Off

A reminder that graduation isn't too far off for South Salem High School seniors is the fact that all who expect to graduate in June are being measured for caps and gowns today.

Nancy Webb, Margo Hudkins and Connie Sapp will assist all day with the procedures.

Steve Berglund, ASB president, and Bob Gates, student council member, acted as representatives from South Salem High School to a traffic meeting along with representatives from North Salem last week in order to discuss driving safety and the possibility of having a driver's education course at North and South.

Dr. George Martin, assistant superintendent of Salem schools, was present at the meeting as were other members of the school board who will give the course their consideration and approval before the plan can be adopted.

Speech, Essay Contest

Sophomores and juniors are invited to attend a program Thursday explaining rules of the annual speech and essay contest on the United Nations sponsored by the Independent Order to Oddfellows.

Ruth Wilde, last year's winner of the contest, will show slides and discuss her trip and also give details for this year's contest. Fourteen winners from Oregon will go by chartered bus with winners.

Probation Meted Youths In Burglary

Three Salem juveniles involved in the January burglary of Swigle School face several years of court probation after Marion County Juvenile Judge Joseph B. Felton suspended commitments for the three youths to MacLaren School for Boys.

Judge Felton ordered two 16-year-old youths and one 17-year-old to dispose of their cars and ruled that the three were not to drive any car for a period of one year. All three youths own their own cars.

Terms of the probation also include making restitution for damage to the school building and the 225-pound safe removed from the building. Judge Felton also ordered all three boys to get eight-hour jobs on Saturday, to refrain from associating with each other, and to attend school and keep reasonable hours.

The three youths are to be under supervision and counseling by the county juvenile department during the period of probation. Judge Felton ordered.

Appearing for a two-hour hearing before Judge Felton late Monday afternoon, the youths had been held in the county juvenile detention unit since their arrest Jan. 29. One other 16-year-old youth with a previous record of delinquency was committed to MacLaren after a hearing Wednesday.

A 14-year-old and a 15-year-old boy involved in the burglary were released on probation to their parents earlier this month.

New 4-H Record Books Discussed

New record books now being used by 4-H clubs were discussed earlier this week by Miss Jane Irving, 4-H extension agent in Salem, at a meeting of 4-H leaders from Washington School district.

The group met in the home of Mrs. Dale Mallicoat, community chairman.

Attending were Mrs. Arnold Gagne, leader of the "Merry Bakers" Cook club Mrs. Frank Perlow, her assistant Mrs. Harvey Page, leader of the "Krazy Kutups," and "Buzzy Bakers," her assistant, Mrs. Dale Lively, and Miss Marilyn Page, troop leader.

ners from Washington and British Columbia to New York and the United Nations with sightseeing en route.

The National Athletic Scholarship Society, an organization made up of athletes and scholars from high schools all over the nation, met recently to consider the induction of new members from the South High junior class.

To be eligible for membership a boy must have a grade point average of 3.0 for three consecutive semesters, be a varsity letterman and also meet certain standards set by the club.

Wheat Issue To Be Aired At Meeting

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
Farm Editor, The Statesman

How to solve the wheat marketing problem and yet maintain the productivity of Oregon wheat lands will be highlighted discussions at the 1957 Oregon Wheat Industry conference set for Feb. 19-20 at Multnomah Hotel, Portland.

The conference has been divided into four points, all aimed at solving the wheat problem: Marketing, production and land use, farm incomes and costs and government programs.

A total of 18 subcommittees have been working under these four main groups and over 200 persons representing the wheat growers, dealers, millers, bakers, livestock feeders, homemakers, and exporters are planning the program. Looking at the changes that have taken place during the last 30 years and pinpointing the problems the wheat people face today have been the work of this group of planners.

Meetings Open to Public

All meetings at the conference will be open to the public, the conference committees stress. Wheat growers in particular, both from the Willamette Valley and east of the Cascades are being urged to attend and take part in discussions and decisions.

As the preliminary program starts, registration is to start at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, with formal sessions starting around 10 a.m. Most of the first day will be taken up with a forum for each of the four main topics, with all four forums held at the same time in different rooms.

The second day of the conference will be primarily an assembly for hearing a summary of each of the forums. Three of the committees will report at a general morning session, and the fourth will report at a noon luncheon.

Dean F. E. Price of Oregon State College, school of agriculture, will be chairman of the conference.

New Yorker to Talk
Gene Flack, New York, will talk at the opening session Tuesday on "Future Markets for Your Wheat."

He will explore possible future uses and markets for the types of wheat grown in the Pacific Northwest and discuss ways of improving the marketing of Oregon's wheat.

Wednesday noon speaker will be C. B. Davidson, secretary of the Canadian Wheat Board, Winnipeg, Canada, who will talk on "Through Your Neighbors' Eyes."

The conference is slated to close early Wednesday afternoon.

Grocer Dies At Sublimity

Statesman News Service

SUBLIMITY, Feb. 12 — Edward Meier, 72, associated with Meier's Grocery Store in Sublimity for many years, died Monday in his home of a heart attack.

He was born in Switzerland and made Sublimity his home for most of his life excepting for a few years in Portland.

He was a charter member of the Catholic Order of Foresters of Sublimity.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary Meier, Sublimity; son, Dan Meier, Sublimity; daughter, Mrs. Jennie Boedigher, Sublimity, and six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Recitation of the Rosary will be Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in St. Boniface Church. Requiem High Mass will be Friday at 8:30 a.m. in St. Boniface Church. Interment will be in St. Boniface Cemetery.

The Weddle Funeral Home of Stayton is in charge of arrangements.

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